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Preface.

At the era of the Reformation, now on the eve of three centuries ago, the venerable founders of the Church of Scotland were most desirous to have that church established on scriptural principles. They were anxious to have its ordinances—its doctrine and discipline in perfect accordance with Apostolic teaching and Apostolic practice. Believing that any services—whether rites, fasts or forms—offered to God, which are not enjoined in His Word, are offensive to Him, most injurious to the souls of all who observe them, and sooner or later calculated to prove the overthrow of any church which inculcates them, they carefully excluded every thing from divine service for which they found no clear authority in the Word of God, assured that in doing so they were giving to the church a constitution of living power, which, while it retained, would preserve it in beauty, purity and efficiency, and cause it to prove a blessing

tion. As for our neighbour Kirke in England it is an evil said mass in English, wanting nothing but the liftings (the raising of the host.) I charge you my good people, ministers, doctors, elders, nobles, gentlemen, and barons, to stand to your purity; and I forsuith, so long as I bruike my life and crowne, sall mainteane the same against all deidlie." How the people kept this charge, and how he kept his word will now be seen.

He had no sooner set his foot on English ground than we find him laying it down as an axion, that "No Bishop no King." This absurd notion and a desire to carry it into practise was the cause of all the evils which befel the Church of Scotland for many a long year.

Early next year (in Feb. 1604) James sent three articles to the Presbytery of Edinburgh, "whereunto all snch as are admitted to preaehe, read, catechize, minister the sacraments, or to execute anie other ecclesiastical function, doe agree and consent, and testifie the same by subscriptioun of their names."

1. "That the king hath, and ought to have soveraintie over all manner of persons ather ecclesiastical or temporal."

2. "That the booke of common prayer and of ordeaning of bishops, preists and deacons sould be used in public prayer and the administration of the sacraments and none other."

3. "That the Booke of Articles of Religioun agreed

upon at London in 1562 and set forthe by authority, are agreeable to the word of God."

"James Melvill pointed out the threatened danger and requested his brethren to give wairning, in cace there be occasion, to the Presbyteries throughout the countrie."

In 1606 the Scottish Parliament, composed of men who were well known to be favourable to the king's views, agreed to "the setting up of bishops of new, with their whole livings, rents, privileges, conform to those of old in tyme of Poperie, and a confirmation of their new gifts," "and the General Assemblie is continued (prorogued) by proclamation to May, and so," says the historian, "sall run on from yeere to yeere till the mysterie of iniquitie be perfytted."—At the same time James called to him eight of the leading ministers in Scotland—that by conversing with them—by causing his bishops to argue with them, and preach before them on matters of dispute and enforce the propriety of complying with his obnoxious tenets, he might break down their opposition, or at least divide them and thereby effect his purpose. In Scotland he was unwearied in his endeavours to compass the same end, getting constant moderators to preside at Presbyteries and Provincial Synods—sending visitors throughout the country to confer with the recusant—confining some and banishing others for some trifling pretext—packing and bribing the Assemblies (when he did call them together) to

care that the bishops should have plenty of friends in it to back them and support their views; accordingly in the Assembly at Perth in 1618, kneeling at the sacraments, private communion, private baptism, secret confirmation. and the observance of festivals were enjoined. These called the five articles of Perth were ratified by Parliament in 1621. And the same year, as if in perfect derision of all vital religion—and to unite the ghostly with the gay—proclamation was made, by the king, in favour of "any lawful recreation" on the sabbath day, such as dancing either for men or women, archery for men, leaping vaulting, May-games, Whitson ales, Morris-dances, and the setting up of Maypoles—"and that women sall have leave to carry rushes to the church for the decoring of it, according to their old custom." But as another foil to this, at the same time was established the High Commission Court—a tribunal of a kindred nature, and for purposes similar to that of the Holy Inquisition. Under this the best of Scotland's sons groaned and lamented from year to year. Their only hope was that the time might yet come when they would be enabled to hold a free and independent General Assembly, and at length that period arrived.

In the last years of James, from various causes, matters were not carried on with such a high hand as they had formerly been—Charles I., though most desirous to follow his father's footsteps, had many other things to occupy his time and attention. The dis-

putes betwixt him and his Parliament were about matters of the gravest import. The bishops by their avarice, insolence and profligacy were becoming obnoxious to all, but, nevertheless, and as if perfectly infatuated, just at the time when there was the utmost discontent in England, Charles resolved to establish an Episcopacy of a darker and more offensive sort in Scotland than ever yet had been thought of.

The Canons for the erecting of this new ecclesiastical jurisdiction were issued in 1635; but the first attempt to read the liturgy,—which was drawn up by Archbishop Laud, and is very different in many respects from that of the Church of England,—in St Giles' Church Edinburgh in 1637, produced such a tumult, that it was not thought safe to repeat the experiment. The match however had been applied, and an explosion took place, for which neither the king nor his courtiers were prepared. The attempt to force upon the people a semi-popish service raised a universal combination of them against innovations begun by James, carried on by Charles, and now still farther attempted. It produced the celebrated document, denominated the Solemn League and Covenant, which was subscribed, with the utmost enthusiasm by all ranks—nobility, gentry, ministers and people.—The memorable General Assembly, which met in Glasgow in 1638 by authority from the king who had given them leave to meet, but they would not separate when the Assembly was dissolved by his Commis-

sioner) virtually ratified and carried out the purposes of that Solemn League. The king was indignant, and prepared for war. The Covenanters (so called from the famous document they had subscribed) prepared to meet him; at the same time they declared themselves still his loyal subjects, and that they had taken up arms only to defend themselves, and those principles which were most dear to them, which rather than renounce, they said, they would renounce their baptism. Owing to the want of money, Charles had soon to disband his troops: but having shortly after, by various expedients, raised a considerable sum, he again marched an army to the north, consisting of 19000 foot and 2000 horse. A detachment of this force was attacked by the Scots at Newburn on the Tyne, several were killed, the rest fled, and such a panic seized the whole English army that it retreated to Yorkshire. To prevent the further advance of the Scots, a temporary treaty was made at Rippon; and in 1641 Charles came to Scotland to settle all disputes. The Bench of Bishops and Lords of Articles were abolished, and whilst he remained in Scotland the king conformed to the established Presbyterian church, gave pensions to Henderson, Gillespie and other popular preachers, and used every art to regain the affections of his subjects. But matters had come to a crisis. The breach between the king and his English Parliament, which had existed for several years, waxed greater and greater. Both parties had recourse

to arms. The sucsess at first was various, but soon the royal cause began to wane, and on the 30th of January 1649 Charles expired on the scaffold.

Under Cromwell, though the people of Scotland had various causes for being offended, they enjoyed sufficient religious toleration.

During the last years of the Protectorate a reaction was gradually taking place in favour of monarchy; and in 1660 Charles II. was invited to take possession of his ancestral crown and kingdom. For a little space his conduct gave universal satisfaction. He seemed desirous to consign to oblivion the memory of past animosities, and to unite every party in affection for their country and their prince. The Presbyterians shared this honour as well as the Episcopalians. Even Baxter and Calamy were made Chaplain to the king; and believing that the experience, which had cost his father so dear, would not be lost upon him, great was the joy of the people of Scotland — But soon their best hopes were cruelly blasted. The king soon gave melancholy proof that he was resolved to follow the same reckless course that his father and grandfather had done, and that a third and a far more desolating persecution, than she had yet endured, was to waste unhappy Scotland.

On the 13th July 1661 the Privy Council was established and it soon began its black and bloody work. On the 6th September following by it the government of bishops was restored. This was ratified by Parli-

ament the following year. Mr James Hamilton brother to the Earl of Belhaven, and minister of Cambusnethan was appointed to the See of Galloway. "His gifts," says Wodrow, "were reckoned every way ordinary, but he was remarkable for his cunning and time-serving temper." It is not our intention farther to notice the proclamations of the king—the decrees of the Privy Council (who conveyed the wishes of the king to the bishops and at the same time directed the secular power to carry the resolutions of the bishops into effect)—nor the obnoxious acts of Parliament, which in quick succession were fulminated forth against a devoted people; like the plagues of Egypt every one of them was worse than the preceding.—But coming from the hand of man (though God permitted them) they were ruthless and had nothing to mitigate them. They are related by the indefatigable Wodrow. They drove the noble from his hall, the peasant from his cot. They subjected all to fines, imprisonment, torture and death. They caused three hundred and fifty ministers to leave their churches and manses in one day—and this not on account of having made or attempting to make innovation themselves, which the state would not sanction—and when they were out, every attempt, which the cruelty of man could devise, was made to drive them in again, and compel them to comply with those acts of worship which were an abomination to them; A vastly different matter from being allowed, when out, to act

as they pleased. The mountains, the moors, and grave-yards of Scotland yet tell the dire effects of these horrific times—the like of which since then there has never been and let us hope never shall be.

Kirkcudbright and Wigtonshire were the Jerusalem and Judea of the Covenant. Our forefathers there suffered more, it would seem, for the truth, and for conscience sake than did those in other parts of Scotland. The following pages are an official account of the proceedings of their opponents. As such they are of great value and deserve to be read with the deepest attention. They are no dry or worthless remnants of a former age. They give a most graphic description of the state of religion and society in these lands about two centuries ago. In the minds of different individuals the perusal of them may awaken very different feelings, but they are well calculated to cause all deeply to value the civil and religious liberty they now enjoy or may enjoy, and to fill the mind with gratitude to that noble, faithful, devoted, but much misrepresented band, who for twenty-eight years maintained the cause of religious freedom and, having through God's grace "weathered the storm," at the Revolution, returned to their parish churches to worship their God and Saviour in simplicity and truth.

These Records which are here for the first time time presented to the public are written in a fine old hand on thirty-five leaves foolscap folio, by Andrew

Symson minister of Kirkinner, and author of the Description of Galloway. They are printed *verbatim, literatim et punctatim.* It will be observed that there is not always a uniformity in the spelling, and also that some sentences are imperfect—but such is the manuscript, with which no liberty whatever has been taken. It is deeply to be regretted that the Records do not extend till 1688—throughout the whole of that eventful period, but in publishing that portion of them which remains, it is conceived that an important service has been rendered to the church and to society.

"When Alpine vales threw forth a suppliant cry
The majesty of England interposed,
And the sword stopped; the bleeding wounds were closed,
And faith preserved her ancient purity.
How little boots that precedent of good,
Scorned or forgotten thou canst testify,
For England's shame, O Sister Realm! from wood,
Mountain, and moor, and crowded street, where lie
The headless Martyrs of the Covenant,
Slain by compatriot Protestants, that draw
From Councils senseless as intolerant
Their warrant. Bodies fall by wild sword law,
But who would force the soul, tilts with a straw
Against a champion cased in adamant."

—WORDSWORTH.

The

Register

of the

Synod of Galloway,

From October 1664 to April 1671.

THE REGISTER OF THE SYNOD OF GALLOWAY holden at the KIRKE of WIGTOWNE, on Tuesday the five and twentieth day of October one thousand six hundred sixtie and four; and in the sixteenth year of the Reigne of our Soveraigne Lord CHARLES ye 2d., King of Great Brittaine, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

At Wigtowne, die Martis Octob. 25, 1664.

The which day sermon being begun and ended by ye Right Revd. Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway, etc.

Sederunt.—The members of ye Synod of Galloway then present, viz.:—James Lord Bishop of Galloway foirsaid, Master John Jaffray minister of Kirkcudburgh and moderator to the bretheren of the exercise there, Mr James Scott minister of Tungland, Mr James Kirke minister of Balmaghie, Mr

George Davidson minister of Reddick, Mr Robert More minister of Balmaclellan, Mr Norman M'Kinnie minister of Corsefairne, Mr George Leith minister of Twynam, Mr Alex$^{r.}$ Irwin minister of Parton, Master James Garshore minister of Penygham and moderator to y^{e} bretheren of the exercise at Wigtowne, Mr Alex$^{r.}$ Cunigham minister of Glassertowne, Mr James Colhoun minister of Whitherne, Mr James Barrie minister of Mochrum, Mr Andrew Symson minister of Kirkinner, Master James Hutcheson minister of Inch and moderator to y^{e} bretheren of y^{e} exercise at Stenrauer, Master Walter M'Gill minister of Lochswalt.

And after invocation of the name of God by ye said Right Revd Father, Mr Andrew Symson minister of Kirkinner was chosen Clerk *pro tempore.*

Absents out of y^{e} Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh.—Mr George Henry minister of Dalry, Mr John Schaw minister of Kells, Mr Alexander Reid minister of Kirkmabreck, Mr William Naismith minister of Borg and Mr Patrick Swinton minister of Corsemichael.

Absents out of y^{e} Presbytry of Wigtowne—Mr Rob$^{t.}$ Fleming minister of Monnigaffe and Mr James Cooper minister of Wigtowne.

Absents out of y^{e} Presbytry of Stenrauer.—Mr Thomas Ireland minister of Kirkmaiden, Mr George Forbes minister of Portpatrick.

Mr William Naismith excused by his letter for his absence.

Master Patrick Swinton excused by his letter for his absence, being sick.

Master Thomas Cooper excused for his absence from ye synod, being sick.

Thomas Hannay, parishioner of Sorbie, being under processe for alledged incest with Jennet Schaw and being by ye presbytry holden at Wigtowne, Octob. 5, 1664, referd to ye Synod and by them ye day forsaid summond, *apud acta*, to this day, was called and compeird, ye Synod delays him till the morrow at ten a clock.

Robert Maxwell and William Hardie, parishioners of Whitherne being referd by the Presbytery of Wigtowne, Octob. 19, 1664, to compeir before ye Synod, (being disobedient to ye Presbytries citations) were cited to this day and were called, but compeird not, ye Synod delays their sentence till the morrow at ten a clock.

Master James Bell minister Kirkolme, being cited by ye Presbytry of Stenrauer to ye Synod, was calld but compeird not, the Synod delays their sentence till the morrow at ten a clock.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Master James Scot, Mr John Jaffray, Mr George Davidson, Mr

Norman M'Kinnie, Mr James Garshore, Mr Alexander Cunigham, Mr James Colhoun, Mr James Barrie, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr James Hutcheson and Mr Walter M'Gill to meet with the Bishop, in his chamber, at five a clock in the afternoone, upon ye privie conference.

The Synod was adjourned till ye morne at ten a clock.

This Session was closed with prayer to God made by ye Right Revd. Father in God James, Lord Bishop of Galloway.

At ye Privie Conference, hora 5ta. post merid.

All ye above appointed ministers were present except Mr Walter M'Gill.

At ye Kirke of Wigtowne, die Mercurii Octob. 26, 1664.—*Sess.* 2a.

Sederunt.—James Lord Bishop of Galloway, Mr John Jaffray, Mr James Scot, Mr James Kirke, Mr George Davidson, Mr Robert More, Mr George Leith, Mr Norman M'Kinnie, Mr Alexr. Irwin, Mr James Garshore, Mr Alexr. Cunigham, Mr James Colhoune, Mr James Barrie, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr James Hutcheson, Mr Walter M'Gill, Mr George Forbes.

And ye name of God was invocated by the Bishop.

Mr George Forbes excused for his absence from ye first session because he was hindred by ye greatnesse of ye waters.

Act anent such as separate from the Public Ordinances.

Octob. 26, 1664.

The which day it was represented to the Bishop and Synod by divers ministers present, that many of their parishoners did willfully absent themselves from ye preaching of the word and other divine ordinances and did refuse to bring their children to the church to be baptized by them, but either keeped them unbaptized or took them to outed ministers of their owne principles to be baptized privately by them. Therefore ye Bishop and Synod ordaines all ye ministers within this diocesse of Galloway to take notice of such persones as have absented themselves hitherto from their churches and other divine ordinances and conforme not to ye act of counsell made for remeid hereof, and to admonish all such persons in their severall parishes to keep ye church and that upon three severall Lords days in time of divine service, and, in case after the said three admonitions they shall continue obstinate, to delate and present their names to ye Bishop that letters may be raised to cite them before ye high Commission to be punished for this their contempt of ye ordinances and of the laws of church and state made for observing of the same. As also,

because it was thought nether possible nor necessary that all ye common people of a parish, who willfully absents themselves from church should be cited to ye high Commission, or that honourable judicatorie should be troubled with such a multitude of common people as might be brought before them upon that account, the Bishop and Synod considering seriously what course were left to be taken for curing of the obstinate spirits of such persons and finding that the lenity that hitherto hath been used towards them hath rather encouraged them to go on in contempt of divine ordinances then hath been a meanes to amend them. Therefore the Bishop and Synod thinks it fit that their obstinacy should be represented to ye Lords of his Majesties secret Councell and their Lordships humbly desired to send in a party of souldiers to quarter upon such obstinate persons in every parish, as shall be nominate to them by the minister thereof, untill they pay twentie shillings Scots for every days absence from ye church conforme to the Act of Councell made thereanent, and because severall persons in severall parishes have been already admonished three severall Lords days, the Bishop and Synod ordaines the ministers thereof to send their names attested under their hands to ye Bishop that letters may be raised for summoning them to the high Commission in the interim. And likewise, because the Bishop and Synod finds that severall ministers have been somewhat too sparing hitherto to admonish such ob-

stinate delinquents or being admonished to present their names to ye effect forsaid. Therefore it is hereby ordained that they shall immediately after their returne to their severall churches put this present Act to execution according to the true intent and meaning thereof, without any respect or favour to any person or persons of whatever degree, quality or sex they be of. Discharging ye saids ministers and every one of them under the paine of ye highest censure to conceal or dispense with any such delinquents unlesse they do presently come to ye church and give good and full assurance for keeping of ye same in all time coming. Ordaining ye severall Presbytries and moderators of this Diocesse to take coppies of this present act and to cause every minister within their bounds to make publick intimation of the same in their severall churches so soone as conveniently may be.

Act anent Mr James Bell.

Octob. 26, 1664.—*Sess.* 2a.

The which day Masterr James Bell minister at Kirkolme, (who was suspended by ye Bishop and Committee of ye Synod of Galloway, commissionate for that effect, at Wigtown ye 24 day of November, 1663, and that for ye causes contained in the act of his suspension,) being cited to the Synod and not compering, ye Bishop and Synod taking to consider-

ation that he cannot be won by lenity seing since ye said time of his suspension (which is now very neer a year) he hath obstinately continued in his former principles and neither by word, nor write, or mediation of friends offered any satisfaction to ye Bishop or to submit to ye present government, but on ye contrary in contempt thereof and of his forsaid suspension *ab officio et beneficio*, hath exercised some part of ye ministeriall function in baptizing of a child, and that of another parish. Therefore the Bishop and Synod having no farther hopes of his submitting to ye present government, and finding it necessary that the parish should no longer be defrauded of ministeriall duties have ordained, and by this their present act ordaines ye presbytry of Stenrauer to cite him to their next presbytry day to dimit ye said church that another may be presented thereto. And in case of his not compeirance, being lawfully cited, or of his refusal to dimit ye said church and to dispossesse himselfe of ye manse thereof, to pronounce ye sentence of deposition against him and to declare ye said church vacant. As also, upon ye next Lords day thereafter, to send one of their number to ye said Master James Bell to intimate to him personally, and if he cannot be found, to leave a coppie of ye act of deposition at his dwelling house, as also to ye said parish church of Kirkolme and there publickly after sermon to intimate ye said sentence and to declare ye said church to be vacant, that ye patron

may present another thereto, and this they shall doe as they will be answerable to the Bishop and Synod.

Act anent uniformity among Ministers.

The which day it being represented to the Bishop and Synod that notwithstanding of former acts made and standing in force for an uniformitie in practise among ye bretheren of the respective Presbytries within this Diocesse, that is to say that every minister should close his prayer, by saying of the Lords prayer, should close ye psalme with ye doxologie, should require of every parent at ye baptizing of his child ye articles of his faith, should pray for his Majestie according to the titles that are in practise, as also for ye Archbishops and Bishops, as also that there should be reading of the scriptures instead of lecturing in the publick congregations before ye sermon in ye forenoon. Yet they having heard that some of ye bretheren within ye Diocesse have not been carefull to put in practise these duties. Therefore the Bishop and Synod ordaines, likeas by this present act they require, every minister presently to put in practise these duties, and that the Moderators of every Presbytry inquire hereanent and see that ye samen be duly done, and to be ready to give an account of their diligence as they will be answerable at ye next Synod.

Act anent ministers benefices.

Octob. 26. 1664.—*Sess.* 2a.

The Bishop and Synod considering that many churches within this Diocesse are not yet provided with competent stipends conforme to ye act of Parliament made for augmentation of stipends, and likewise that many ministers whose churches are provided already cannot know the quantums of their provisions in respect the late ministers have taken away with them the decreets of locality and will not deliver them to the present ministers. Therefore it is hereby ordained that all ministers of this Diocesse who have not as yet competent provisions, raise letters for summoning the heritors, tacksmen and others (having or pretending right to ye teinds of their respective parishes) before ye Commission for plantation of churches, to hear and see competent stipends provided thereto and localities granted thereupon, and that they doe this timeously, either by themselves every one of them, or at least to employ some one of their number, as their Commissioner for getting ye same done. It is also hereby ordained that these ministers whose churches are already provided, but have not ye decreets of locality, use all diligence to get ye saids decreets, either from the late ministers of their respective parishes, or out of ye registers, and in case they cannot be gotten either of these wayes to raise letters in manner forsaid for summoning ye her-

itors and others having or pretending right to ye teinds of their respective parishes before ye said Commission to hear and see their churches provided with competent stipends and localities granted thereupon. And farther, because some ministers may be induced to make private transactions and agreements with their patrons and others claiming right to ye teinds of their parishes to the prejudice of ye church and their successors. Therefore it is ordained that no ministers of this Diocesse make any such transaction or agreement to the prejudice of their successors under the paine of Deposition but shall use diligence to get ye stipend of their Churches setled by the above said Commission. Likeas, where manses are not commodious and where there is not horse and cows grasse designed according to the act of Parliament, that forthwith the Respective ministers use their diligence to obtain ye same.

Act anent ministers absent from their charge.

The which day ye Bishop and Synod being informed that some bretheren within the Diocesse absent themselves from their respective Charges many Lords days together, for remeid whereof they by this their act ordaine that no minister shall be absent from his charge two Lords days together, but first signify ye same to ye Presbytry or moderator thereof, obtaining their leave, and that no minister shall be

absent four days together without a licence in write from the Bishop, and during ye time of his absence he deal with some one brother or another to supply his place. As also, that no minister shall be absent from his Congregation six Lords days under ye paine of being suspended from his office during ye Bishops pleasure. And it is hereby ordained that each Presbytry see this act carefully observed as they will be answerable to ye Bishop and next Synod.

Act anent absents from the Presbytry.

The Bishop and Synod being informed that divers ministers of this Diocesse doe frequently absent themselves from ye meetings of their respective Presbytries. Therefore the Bishop and Synod do hereby ordaine that if any minister shall be absent at any tyme from ye Diet of his respective Presbytry he shall consigne his shilling before his excuse be heard and if it be not judged by the Presbytry to be relevant, he shall loose his money and be rebuked, if ye second time he shall loose his money and humble himselfe for his fault.

Act anent the ministers of the Glenkennes.

Octob. 26, 1664.

The which day ye Bishop and Synod being informed that some of the bretheren of ye Presbytry

of Kirkcudburgh that live at a great distance from the seat of ye Presbytry do not keep ye Diets of the Presbytry specially in ye winter season, and that because of ye distance of place, as also that they cannot get thier delinquents brought to ye Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh. Therefore it is hereby ordained that the Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh (upon ye desire of the ministers of ye Glenkennes, how oft and so oft as it shall be found necessar) shall delegate some of their number to meet with ye bretheren of ye Glenkennes at ye Newtowne of Galloway, or any other place where it shall be held most convenient, and that for ye exercise of Discipline and punishing of delinquents in these bounds, and this allways without prejudice of their observing and keeping ye Diets of presbytry at ye seat thereof in Kirkcudburgh.

Act anent Mr John Schaw minister of Kells.

Master John Schaw minister of Kells having been these two Synods absent without a signified excuse, as also ye Bishop and Synod being informed that he is constantly and frequently absent from his charge sometimes four Sundays and sometimes six together. Wherefore ye Bishop and Synod recommends ye tryall and censure of ye said Mr John Schaw to ye Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh, that is to say if they find not his excuses weighty and relevant they suspend him from ye exercise of his ministry for a competent time,

or inflict what other censure his offences shall by them be thought fit to demerit requiring hereby, ye said Presbytry to give an account hereof to ye Bishop or at farthest to ye next ensuing Synod.

Act anent Mr George Henry minister of Dalry.

Mr George Henry of Dalry being absent from ye Synod neither sending his excuse by write, nor sending ye acts of ye former Synods, and it being heard that he is frequently absent from his Congregaition contrary to ye acts of ye Synod, therefore it is hereby ordained that ye Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh cite ye said Mr George Henry to compeir before them, and enquire anent ye grounds of his absence and referr him for censuse to ye Bishop or next Synod.

Act anent Mr Alexander Reid minister of Kirkmabreck.

The Bishop and Synod ordaines Master John Jaffray to write a letter to Master Alexander Reid, to send a dimission of his church of Kirkmabreck to ye Bishop or Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh between and the second of February next to come, and in case the dimission come not, ye Bishop and Synod ordaines ye Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh to send one of their number to ye said Kirke of Kirkmabreck to declare it vacant.

Act anent ministers keeping the Diets of the Synod.

The Bishop and Synod considering that the Diet of ye Synod is not so prcisely keeped by ye respective ministers in this Diocesse as it should be. Therefore they by this their act Ordaine that every minister keep precisely ye Diets appointed for ye Synod under the paines contained in ye act of Parliament, except there be a lawfull excuse written to ye Bishop and Synod by ye minister absent. As also, that every minister be present at ye calling of ye Roll, and if not he consigne his dolar before his excuse be heard.

Act anent ministers examining of their people.

The Bishop and Synod ordaines that all ministers within this Diocesse go on presently with ye examination of their people, and fit and prepare them for ye receaving of ye Sacrament of ye Lords Supper with all conveniency and diligence.

A Representation of the Synod to the Bishop anent Kirke Registers.

Octob. 26, 1664.

The which day ye Synod represented to ye Bishop that ye Registers of ye church viz.—Synod Bookes, Presbytry Bookes, and many of their Session Bookes, wherein there be severall mortifications for ye use of

the poor, with other publick appurtenances belonging to the church cannot be gotten from ye late ministers. Therefore the Synod doth humbly entreat ye Bishop that he would represent ye samen to ye Lords of his Majesties Secret Councell or Commission for church affaires.

Anent the late ministers abiding in the Diocesse.

The which day ye Bishop and Synod finding that the worke of the ministry and the settlement of ye church is exceedingly hindred by reason that some of the late ministers do reside in the bounds contrary to ye expresse acts of his Majesties Privie Councell. Therefore they do think fit that letters of horning be raised against all and sundry the late ministers that so they may be removed and that a list of them be given in to the Bishop.

Act anent Chaplens, Pedagogues, Schoolmasters and Expectants.

Forasmuch as (notwithstanding of a former act to ye contrary) there are within ye Diocesse sundry chaplens, pedagogues, schoolmasters and expectants that have not given satisfaction according to order. Therefore the severall Presbytries within whose bounds ye forenamed persons officiate, are hereby ordained to send some of their bretheren to such persons and discharge them from officiating in their severall

charges ay and while they obtaine a licence from ye Bishop according to ye laws and acts made thereanent.

Act anent former Acts.

The severall ministers of the Diocesse are hereby ordained punctualy to observe the acts of the Synod as they will be answerable for their failzie to the next ensuing Synod.

Anent Thomas Hannay.

Octob. 26, 1664.

The day forsaid Thomas Hannay parishoner of Sorbie, being calld compeird, but stood to the denyall of incest with Jennet Schaw, ye Bishop and Synod referres him to ye Justices of ye Peace.

Anent Patrick Dickson.

Patrick Dickson parishoner of Glassertown, being by ye Presbytry of Wigtown, Octob. 19, 1664, referd to ye Synod and summoned to this Diet, was calld but compeird not, ye Bishop and Synod referres him againe to ye Presbytry of Wigtowne to censure him as he shall deserve.

Anent Robt. Maxwell and William Hardie.

Robt Maxwell and William Hardie parishoners of Whitherne, being cited to the Synod and not com-

peiring are Referred to the Presbytry of Wigtowne to censure them as their delinquence shall be found to demerit.

Pribie Censures.

The severall Presbytries were remooved, and upon their returne receaved the testimony of their bretheren.

Anent Moderators.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Master John Jaffray minister of Kirkcudburgh to be moderator to the bretheren of the exercise at Kirkcudburgh, Master James Garshore minister of Penygham to be moderator to the bretheren of the exercise at Wigtowne, and Master James Hutchesone minister of Inch to be moderator to ye bretheren of the exercise at Stenrauer and these to continue till ye next ensuing Synod.

Next Synod.

The Bishop and Synod appoints their next Synodicall meeting to be at Wigtowne, upon the last Tuesday of April, in the ensuing year of God one thousand six hundred sixtie and five.

This Last Session was closed with prayer to God made by ye Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway &c.

A. Symson, cl. s^d.

The Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway by his letter dated at Broomhill, ye 27 of March 1665, did signifie that he was commanded by authoritie to wait at Edinburgh the first tuesday of Maij and so that it would appear impossible to keep ye diet of ye next Synod being ye last tuesday of April, wherefore he did prorogate ye Synod till the third tuesday of Maij being the sixteenth day of that month.

A. Symson, cl. sd.

THE REGISTER OF THE SYNOD of GALLOWAY holden in the KIRKE of WIGTOWNE, on Tuesday the sixteen day of Maij, One thousand six hundred sixtie and five; and in the seventeen yeer of the Reigne of our Soveraigne Lord CHARLES ye 2d, King of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

At Wigtowne, Die Martis Maij 16, 1665.

The which day (Sermon being begun and ended by Master George Henry minister of Dalry the said) Mr George Henry produced, to the members of Synod then present, a letter from the Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway &c., signifying that he could not attend the Synod that day but intended to be present with them ye next morning.

At ye Kirke of Wigtowne, die Mercurij Maij 17, 1665. *Ante Merid.*

The which day *Sederunt* the members of ye Synod of Galloway then present viz.—James Lord Bishop of Galloway, Master James Scot minister of Tungland, Master George Henry minister of Dalry, Master William Naysmith minister of Borge, Master Patrick Swinton minister of Corsemichael, Master George Davidson minister of Reddick, Master Norman M' Kinnie minister of Corsefairne, Master George Leith minister of Twynam, Master Alexander Irwin minister of Parton, Master James Colhoune minister of Whitherne, Master James Barrie of Mochrum, Master Andrew Symson minister of Kirkinner, Master Robert Fleming minister of Monygaffe, Master James Cooper minister of Wigtowne, Master Alexander Cooper minister of Sorbie, Master Thomas Ireland minister of Kirkmaiden, Master Walter M'Gill minister of Lochswalt, and the name of God was invocated by ye Right Revd. Father James Lord Bishop of Galloway.

Master Andrew Symson minister of Kirkinner appointed clerk *pro tempore*

Absents out of ye Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh—Mr James Kirke minister of Balmaghie and Mr Robert More minister of Balmaclellan.

Absent out of ye Presbytry of Wigtowne—Mr James Garshore minister of Penygham.

Absent out of ye Presbytry at Stenrauer—Master James Hutcheson minister of Inch and Master George Forbes minister of Portpatrick.

Master Robert More excused by his letter for his absence from the Synod.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Master James Scot, Mr George Henry, Mr William Naysmith, Mr Patrick Swinton, Mr James Garshore, Mr James Colhoune, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr James Hutcheson and Mr Thomas Ireland to meet with the Bishop in his chamber after twelve a clock upon the privie conference.

The Synod was adjourned till three a clock in the afternoone.

This Session was ended with prayer to God made by ye said Right Revd. Father &c.

At the Privie Conference.

The ministers above specified did meet upon the privie conference as they were appointed.

At ye Kirke of Wigtowne, Die Mercurij Maij 17, 1665.—*Sess.* 2a.

Sederunt.—James Lord Bishop of Galloway, Mr James Scot, Mr George Henry, Mr Wm. Naysmith,

Mr Patrick Swinton, Mr George Davidson, Mr Norman M'Kinnie, Mr George Leith, Mr Alex^r. Irwin, Mr James Garshore, Mr James Colhoune, Mr James Barrie, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr James Cooper, Mr Alex^r. Cooper, Mr James Hutcheson, Mr Thomas Ireland, Mr Walter M'Gill, and the name of God was invocated by the Bishop.

Act anent a clerke to the Synod.

Maij 17, 1665.

The which day ye Bishop and Synod considering upon divers inconveniencies that have been and also in time to come may be, through the want of a constant and setled clerk. Therefore they doe appoint their well beloved brother Master Andrew Symson minister of Kirkinner to be their clerke in time coming and for his paines they ordaind and by this their present act do ordaine that out of every Kirke he shall have halfe a crowne in the yeer, that is to say ye summe of fifteen shilling Scots at each Synod and this present Synod to be the first of them. And moreover they ordaine the severall ministers of this Diocesse to send into him their Presentations, Edicts, Collations, Instruments of Institution, decreets, and finaly any paper, that may concerne ye publick benefit of their churches that so the papers forsaid may be registrate in the bookes of Synod there to remaine for ye greater good of ye churches forsaid in time comeing.

Act anent a publick fast to be keeped on Wednesday, Junij 7, 1665.

Maij 17, 1665

The which day ye Bishop produced his Majesties Proclamation concerning a generall fast to be keeped throughout the whole Kingdome of Scotland upon Wednesday ye seventh day of June in this instant yeer of God, 1665, for imploring the blessing of Almighty God upon his Majesties Councells and forces imployed in an expedition against ye States of the united provinces, intituled *A Proclamation for a publick general fast throughout the Realme of Scotland.* Given at Edinburgh the third day of Maij 1665. And ye Bishop forsaid delivered one of ye forsaid proclamations to every member of the Synod, seriously recommending to the respective ministers, that they would preach twice in their respective Congregations and observe ye day forsaid in ye most solemn manner according to the tennor of ye proclamation in all points which they promised to doe. Moreover ye Bishop and Synod ordaind and by this their present act doe ordaine, that the severall ministers of this Diocesse, in their publick prayers earnestly beseech the Lord to blesse his Majesties Navie in the expedition forsaid with a glorious victory, or with a blessed and an happy peace.

Act anent supply for the universities.

The which day ye severall ministers of the Diocesse of Galloway taking into their consideration, that whereas by the three and twentieth act of the third session of his Majesties first Parliament intituled *Act for additional provision in favours of Universities.* It was statute and ordained that for the cropts and years 1664, 1665, 1666, 1667, 1668, every minister should pay ye summe of fourtie pounds out of every thousand merkes of their stipends or benefices and so proportionably six of the hundred as the benefice or stipend should be valued, by the Bishop of the Diocesse. And they being informed by ye Bishop that they should have a fourth part of the said summe given downe to them out of their silver duty, and that their victual should be valued at an hundred merkes ye chalder. As also that he had power to appoint a Collector in his own Diocesse who should uplift the summes forsaid and have ye fifteenth penny allowed to him for his paines. Whereupon ye ministers forsaid to evite any trouble that may accrew to them by any such Collector, did engage likeas by this their present act do engage and oblige themselves to pay their severall proportions for ye cropt and yeer of God one thousand six hundred sixtie and four by past, unto their respective moderators betwixt ye date hereof and ye first day of Julij and ye said moder-

ators are to deliver ye summes forsaid unto ye Bishop that so they may be employed for ye use above-specified.

Act anent ye Presbytry seat of Kirkcudburg.

The which day it being represented to ye Bishop and Synod by the Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh that when they met at Kirkcudburgh on their Presbytry days, they could not get so much as an Officer to waite upon them, or any to ring a bell in order to their exercise. Therefore the Synod requeists the Bishop to write to ye Provost and Bailies of Kirkcudburgh that ye greivance forsaid might be amended and if it be not then helped the Bishop and Synod doth hereby give power to ye Presbytry forsaid to remove their seat to any other place within their bounds which they shall think most expedient.

Act anent the Gleib of Parton.

The which day it being represented to ye Bishop and Synod by Master Alexander Irwin minister of Parton that there is a peice of ground that is more convenient for him than the gleib which he now possesseth and that the owner thereof would be content to make an excambion with him. The Bishop and Synod refers ye same to the Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh to doe therein as they shall think expedient, without detriment to ye benefice of ye church of Parton forsaid.

Act anent Mr George Forbes Minister of Portpatrick.

The Bishop and Synod being informed that Mr George Forbes minister of Portpatrick hath been absent from his charge at ye Kirke and parish forsaid for a long time, as also having heard of some scandals against ye said Mr George Forbes: Therefore ye Synod thinks fit that ye Bishop should write to ye said Mr George, that instantly upon his perill and hazzard of ye highest censure ye church can put upon him he repair to ye presbytry of Stenrauer to answer to such things as shall be laid to his charge, and for ye tryalls of ye scandals forsaid ye Bishop and Synod ordaines ye Presbytry of Wigtown to meet in a Committee with ye Presbytry of Stenrauer to be held within ye bounds of ye said Presbytry of Stenrauer upon any timeous advertisement from their moderator.

Act anent Presbytry bookes.

The Bishop and Synod do hereby appoint ye severall Presbytries to bring in their Presbytry registers to the next ensuing Synod.

Anent Vacant Congregations.

The day above specified ye Bishop and Synod seriously recommended to ye severall Presbytries that they would take care to supply ye vacant congregations in their bounds.

Anent John Murdoch.

The which day upon a referenee from ye Presbytry of Wigtowne compeired John Murdoch late Bayly of Wigtowne (who had been processed by ym for a Scandal of Adultery with Jennet Reid) and being exhorted to be ingenuous in confessing ye truth did solemnly protest his innocency in the matter forsaid. The Bishop and Synod refers him back to ye Presbytry of Wigtowne.

Privie Censures.

The which day the severall Presbytries were removed and and upon their returne receaved the testimony of their bretheren.

Moderators.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Master James Scot minister of Tungland to be moderator to the bretheren of the exercise at Kirkcudburgh. And in his absence Mr Patrick Swinton minister of Corsemichael. And Mr James Garshore minister of Penygham to be moderator to ye bretheren of the exercise at Wigtowne. And Mr James Hutchesone minister of Inch to be moderator to the bretheren of ye exercise at Stenrauer, and these to moderate till ye next ensuing Synod.

Next Synod.

The Bishop and Synod appoints their next Synodicall meeting to be at Wigtowne the last tuesday of October in this instant yeer of God One thousand six hundred sixtie and five.

This last session was closed with prayer to God made by ye Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway.

A. Symson, cl. s^d^.

THE REGISTER OF THE SYNOD OF GALLOWAY holden at WIGTOWNE, on Tuesday the one and thirtie day of October one thousand six hundred sixtie and five. And in the seventeen yeer of the Reigne of Our Soveraigne Lord CHARLES ye 2d., King of Great Britaine, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

At ye Kirke of Wigtowne, Die Martis Octob. 31, 1665.

The which day sermon being begun and ended by the Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway.

Sederunt.—Ye members of the Synod of Galloway then present viz.,—James Lord Bishop of Galloway, Mr James Garshore minister of Penygham, and moderator to ye bretheren of the exercise at Wigtowne,

Mr James Colhoun minister of Whitherne, Mr James Barrie minister of Mochrum, Mr Andrew Symson minister of Kirkinner, Mr Robert Fleming minister of Monnygaffe, Mr James Cooper minister of Wigtowne, Mr Alexr. Cooper minister of Sorbie, Master Patrick Swinton minister of Corsemichael and moderator to the bretheren of the exercise at Kirkcudburgh, Mr William Naysmith minister of Borg, Mr James Kirke minister of Balmaghie, Mr Norman M'Kinnie minister of Corsefairne, Mr Robert More minister of Balmaclellan, Mr Alexander Irwin minister of Parton, Mr Walter Dalgleish minister of Girton, Mr Robt. Steel minister of Kells; and after invocation of ye name of God by the said Right Reverend Father, the bookes of the severall Presbytries were called for, the moderators gave in their excuses, why they could not be produced, the Bishop delayd his answer till the conference.

Master James Kirke minister of Balmaghie excused for his absence from the late Synod.

Absent out of ye Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh—Mr George Davidson minister of Reddick, Mr James Scott minister of Tungland, and Mr George Leith minister of Twynam.

None absent out of ye Presbytry of Wigtowne.

Absent out of the Presbytry of Stenrauer—Mr James Hutcheson minister of Inch, and moderator

to the bretheren of the exercise at Stenrauer, Mr Thomas Ireland minister of Kirkolme, Mr George Henry minister of Stoniekirke, Mr Walter M'Gill minister of Lochswalt, Mr James M'Gill minister of Kirkmaiden.

Mr James Scot excusd for his absence from ye Synod by his letter.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Mr Patrick Swinton, Mr William Naysmith, Mr Alex^r.^ Irwin, Mr James Garshore, Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Alex^r.^ Cooper (and for the Presbytry of Stenrauer if they come in time) Mr James Hutcheson, Mr Thomas Ireland and Mr George Henry to meet w^t^ ye Bishop in his chamber at four a clock in ye afternoon upon the privie Conference.

The Bishop and Synod adjournes their meeting till to morrow at ten of ye clock in the forenoon.

This Session was closed with prayer to God made by ye Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway &c.

*At the Privie Conference, hora 4ta.*

All ye above appointed ministers were present except Master James Hutcheson and Master George Henry.

At ye Kirke of Wigtowne, Die Mercurij
Nov. 1, 1665.—*Sess.* 2a.

The which day *Sederunt* James Lord Bishop of Galloway, Mr James Garshore, Mr James Colhoun, Mr James Barrie, Mr Andrew Symson, Master Robert Fleming, Master James Cooper, Mr Alexr Cooper, Master Patrick Swinton, Mr Wm. Naysmith, Master James Kirke, Mr Robert More, Mr Norman M'Kinnie, Mr Alexr. Irwin, Mr Walter Dalgleish, Mr Robert Steel, Mr Thomas Ireland, Mr George Henry, Mr Walter M'Gill, Mr James M'Gill, Mr James Shaw minister of Kirkmabreck; and the name of God was invocated by ye said Right Reverend Father.

Mr James Hutcheson coming before ye close of ye Synod gave in his excuse to ye Bishop and Synod which was accepted by them.

Mr Thomas Ireland, Mr John Henry, Mr Walter M'Gill, Mr James M'Gill gave in their excuses to the Bishop and Synod for their absence from ye first Session which also were accepted by them.

Act anent such ministers as are not present at ye Presbyterial meetings.
Nov. 1, 1665.

The which day ye Bishop and Synod being informed that (notwithstanding of a former act of

Synod made at Wigtown October, 26, 1664, intituled *An Act anent absents from the Presbytry)* divers ministers within ye Diocesse do frequently absent themselves from ye Diets of their Respective meetings, to the great detriment of the Church of God in these bounds, to the enervating of Discipline, and the discouraging of their bretheren. Therefore the Bishop and Synod ordaind and by this their act do ordaine ye moderators of their respective presbytries to see ye act foirsaid peremptorily put in execution as they will be countable to the Bishop and Synod, and whereas the act forsaid ordaines the minister absent to consigne his shilling before his excuse be heard it is hereby ordained that it be halfe a crowne in time coming.

Anent a Representation of ye Presbytry of Kirkcudbrey to the Bishop and Synod.

Nov. 1, 1665.

The which day it being represented to the Bishop and Synod that their bounds were much pestered and troubled with seditious ministers, who having laid themselves by, did notwithstanding keep conventicles and unlawful meetings to the great hindrance of the worke of the ministry in those parts. The which greivance the Bishop and Synod taking into their consideration did require ye Presbytery forsaid to give in a particular information to ye Bishop of the for-

said ministers names, of the persons who frequented them, the places where and times when, that so the Bishop might represent the same to the Lords of his Majesties high Commission, which accordingly they did. It was also represented to the Bishop and Synod by ye Presbytry forsaid, that these outed ministers forsaid did marrie and baptize persons in their bounds withont testimonialls, and also that they came *per vices* from one corner of ye country unto the other. For remeid whereof it was ordained that such clandestine marriages should be looked upon as unlawful and that such married persons should be esteemed and also proceeded against as fornicators till they produce testimonialls that they were married by a lawful minister, and that such persons as have their children baptized by y^e^ministers forsaid should be proceeded against as such as do detaine their children from baptisme. And as for these ministers who do so subtily perambulate from place to place. ye Synod thinks it expedient that ye Bishop should represent ye same to the Lords of His Majesties High Commission. The Presbytry forsaid also further declared, that one of the cheife causes (as they supposed) why their bounds were in such an unsettled condition, was because they had not (like other shires) justices of ye peace who might concur with them for the settlment of ye same; the Synod therefore desires ye Bishop to represent ye matter forsaid to the Lords of his Majesties Privie Counsell.

Act anent Papists excommunicate or not excommunicate.

The Bishop and Synod being informed that there are many Papists within ye bounds of ye Presbytry of Kirkcudbright, as also that many of them are lying under ye sentence of excommunication. Therefore the Bishop and Synod ordaines that the Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh deale with such as have been excommunicated to see, if they desire to be relaxed and embrace ye Reformed Religion subscribing to the cheife heids and articles thereof, certifying such papists forsaid their names are to be given in to ye Ordinarie ya^t^ so ye Judge competent may execute ye law against them. And as for such papists as are not excommunicate, the Bishop and Synod ordaines ye Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh, to appoint such of their bretheren, as they shall think fit, to confer with them. And ye moderator and Presbytry forsaid are hereby required to report their diligence to ye Bishop and next Synod.

Act anent a Common head.

Nov. 1, 1665.

The which day ye Bishop and Synod recommend to ye severall Presbytries that they appoint some of their number who may once or twice at least betwixt every Synod discourse in publick sermon-wise (choosing a fit text for that purpose) upon such common

heads of divinitie as are controverted betwixt us and ye papists.

Anent the late Ministers abiding in the Diocesse and dishaunting the Ordinances.

Nov. 1, 1665.

The which day it is represented to ye Bishop and Synod that many of ye late Ministers that had laid themselves aside within ye Diocesse contrary to law and also did absent themselves from the publick ordinances in those parishes where they did reside and in soe doing gave great offence both to ye Ministers and their people. Whereupon the Bishop delivered to the Clerk of ye Synod an act of his Majesties High Commission ordaining them to give obedience to ye late acts of his Majesties Councell made at Glasgow and Edinburgh, as also letters of horning thereupon. And recommended to the several Presbytries to make use thereof as they should think expedient.

Anent vacant Congregations.

The Bishop and Synod do seriously recommend to the several Presbytries that they take care to supply their vacant congregations and in particular ye Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh to supply the town of Kirkcudburgh when desired by ye Magistrates for that effect.

Anent Presbytry bookes.

The Bishop and Synod accepts of the excuse given in by ye moderators why their Presbytry bookes were not produced, but with all do hereby ordaine that they be punctually brought in the next Synod.

Act in favours of David Boyll.

The which day ye Bishop and Synod having considered ye petition of David Boyll of Kellburne founded upon an act of Parliament anent ye allowing of a contribution to be collected and delivered to him for reparation of ye harbour of Kellburne, Recommending ye same to ye care of ye Archbishops, Bishops and ministers. Therefore ye Bishop and Synod recommends ye same to ye several Presbytries and Ministers within ye bounds of this Synod that they would earnestly recommend to their severall congregations such a charitable and useful worke, when ye said David Boyll or any having his warrant shall make application to them for ye effect forsaid.

Act anent baptismes, mariages and buiialls.

Nov. 1, 1665.

The which day ye Bishop and Synod considering upon many inconveniences that either have been or in time to come may be through the want of a publick Register for baptismes, burrialls and marriages

doe ordaine that every minister within this Diocesse, take care that for ye future there be an exact register at all such baptismes, marriages and burialls as shall be in their respective congregations and parishes, ye circumstances of place, time and persons being therein inserted.

Act anent ye Registrating of Presentations, Collations, Institutions, &c.

Nov. 1, 1665.

The which day after it had been represented to the Bishop and Synod by Mr Andrew Symson minister of Kirkinner and Clerk to ye Synod that ye several ministers had not (conforme to an act of Synod made at Wigtowne on Maij 17, 1665) sent unto him their severall presentations, edicts, collations, institutions, decreets and other papers, that so they might be registrate in ye bookes of Synod for ye end specified in ye act forsaid,—It was replyed by some present that these papers were ye only right and evidence that they had to their stipends and maintenance and therefore they could not conveniently and safely part with them. Whereupon ye Bishop and Synod declared that it should be sufficient for ye severall ministers to send to him a perfect copy of ye papers forsaid, and moreover ye Bishop and Synod ordaind and by this their present act doe ordain ye several ministers of this Diocesse to send

to Mr Andrew Symson forsaid a perfect double of all their presentations, edicts, endorsations, collations, institutions, decreets, tacks, assignations, compositions, or any other paper relating to ye benefit of their respective Congregations, or at least ye summe and substance of ye same subscribed with their hands, that so they may be registrate for the end contained in ye act forsaid, and it is hereby recommended to ye severall moderators to see the same carefully and exactly done, and moreover because there are some churches which are at present vacant, therefore it is hereby recommended to ye several moderators (after the planting of such vacant churches as also after ye admission of any minister unto any church within ye Diocesse whatever) to take care that ye papers forsaid be sent to the Clerk for ye end forsaid. And also if any other decreets or papers shall be obtained in time comeing for ye benefit of any church within this Diocesse they are to be sent that so they may be registrate in the bookes of Synod as said is.

Private Censures.

Nov. 1, 1665.

The which day ye severall Presbytryes were remooved and upon their returne receaved ye testimony of their bretheren.

Moderators.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Master Patrick Swinton minister of Corsemichael to be moderator to the bretheren of ye exercise at Kirkcudburgh. Mr James Colhoun minister of Whitherne to be moderator to the bretheren of y exercise at Wigtowne, and Mr Thomas Ireland minister of Kirkolme to be moderator to the bretheren of ye exercise at Stenrauer and these to moderate till ye next ensuing Synod.

Next Synod.

The which day ye Bishop and Synod appoints their next Synodicall meeting to be at Kirkcudburgh upon the last Wednesday of Aprill next to come, in ye ensuing yeer of God One thousand six hundred sixty and six.

This last session was closed with prayer to God by ye Right Revd. Father in God James, Lord Bishop of Galloway, &c.

A. Symson, cl. sd.

THE REGISTER OF THE SYNOD of GALLOWAY holden in the KIRKE of KIRKCUDBURGH, upon Wednesday the five and twentieth day of April One thousand six hundred sixtie and six. And in the eighteenth yeer of the Reigne of Our Soveraigne Lord CHARLES King of Great Britaine, France, and Irland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

At ye Kirke of Kirkcudburgh, die Mercurij Apr. 25, 1666.

The which day sermon being begun and ended by ye Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway, &c.

Sederunt.—The members of ye Synod of Gallowas then present, viz.—Mr James Colhoun, moderator to the bretheren of the exercise at Wigtowne, Mr

James Barrie minister of Mochrum, Mr Andrew Symson minister of Kirkinner, Mr Robt. Fleming minister of Monnygaffe, Mr Alexander Cooper minister of Sorbie, Mr Norman M'Kinnie minister of Whitherne, Master Patrick Swinton minister of Corsemichael and moderator to the bretheren of the exercise at Kirkcudburgh, Mr George Davidson minister of Rerick, Mr James Kirke minister of Balmaghie, Mr Alexr. Irwin minister of Parton, Mr George Leith minister of Twynam, Mr Robt. More minister of Balmaclellan, Mr Qualter Dalgleish minister of Girton, Mr Robt. Steel minister of Kells, Mr James Schaw minister of Kirkmabreck, Mr William Harvy minister of Buthill, Mr David M'Querne minister of Corsefairne, Mr Thomas Irland minister of Kirkolme, and moderator to the bretheren of the exercise at Stenrauer, Mr George Henry minister of Stoniekirke, Mr James Hutcheson min ister of Inch, Mr Qualter M'Gill minister of Lochswalt, Mr James M'Gill minister of Kirkmaiden, and Mr John Coldwall minister of Portpatrick, and the name of God was invocated by the said Right Reverend Father.

Absent out of ye Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh—Mr William Naysmith minister of Borge.

None absent from the Presbytry of Stenrauer.

Absent out of the Prty of Wigtowne—Mr James

Cooper minister of Wigtowne but excused by his letter.

The Bishop and Synod admits of Mr George Davidsons excuse for his absence from the last Synod.

The Bishop and Synod admits of Mr George Leiths excuse for his absence from the last Synod.

The Bishop and Synod appoints, Mr Robert Fleming and Mr Alex$^{r.}$ Cooper to visit the Prt^{y} booke of Kirkcudburgh, Mr James Hutcheson and and Mr Walter M'Gill to visit y^{e} Prt^{y} booke of Wigtowne, Mr George Davidson and Mr George Leith to visit y^{e} Prt^{y} book of Stenrauer and to report to the Synod.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Mr Patrick Swinton, Mr Alex$^{r.}$ Irwin, Mr James Colhoun, Mr James Barrie, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Alexander Cooper, Mr Thomas Ireland, Mr George Henry and Mr James Hutcheson to meet in the Bishops chamber at five of the clock in the afternoon upon the Privie Conference.

The Bishop and Synod adjournes their meeting till to-morrow at nine a clock in the forenoon.

This Session was ended with prayer to God made by ye Right Reverend Father James Lord Bishop of Galloway &c.

At the Privie Conference, hora quinta.

All ye above-nominated ministers were present.

At ye Kirke of Kirkcudburgh Die Jovis Aprilis 26, 1666.—*Sessio: 2a. ante merid.*

The which day *Sederunt* James Lord Bishop of Galloway, Mr James Colhoun, Mr James Barrie, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Robert Fleming, Mr Alexr. Cooper, Mr Norman M'Kinnie, Mr Patrick Swinton, Mr George Davidson, Mr William Naysmith, Mr James Kirke, Mr Alexr. Irwin, Mr George Leith, Mr Robt. More, Mr Robert Steel, Mr David M'Querne, Mr James Schaw, Mr William Harvy, Master Thomas Ireland, Mr George Henry, Mr James Hutcheson, Mr Qualter M'Gill, Mr James M'Gill and Mr John Coldwall, and ye name of God was invocated by ye said Right Reverend Father.

Mr Walter Dalgleish minister of Girton absent from this session.

The Bishop and Synod admits of Mr William Naysmiths excuse for his absence from the first session.

Report of ye Prty. of Kirkcudburgh anent Papists.

The day forsaid ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh reported that in obedience to an act of the last Synod they

had appointed conference with divers of the Papists within their bounds, The Bishop and Synod appoints them to proceed and to give in a particular account of their diligence to the next ensuing Synod.

Representation of the Synod to their Ordinary anent ye annity imposed on them by act of Parliament.

The which day ye severall ministers of ye Diocesse of Galloway being put in mind by ye Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway their Ordinary of that Obligation that was lying on them by virtue of the 23d act of the 3d session of his Majesties first Parliament in order to ye paying of the anuity of their severall benefices for the supply of the Universities. They ye severall ministers forsaid did most humbly represent to ye said Right Reverend Father their hard necessituous and singular Condition; As that they (being all and every one of them newly planted within ye said Diocesse of Galloway, as also coming from the severall places of this Kingdome) were at vast expence and charge in accommodating of themselves for, transporting themselves to and setling themselves in this then so unruly and unsetled country. As also that they being now come do find that their respective Stipends, though mean, yet, are altogether unsettled. As also that these unsettled Stipends are very ill and unthankfully payed, partly by reason of the backward-

nesse of divers disaffected and male-contented persons and partly by and through ye present deadness of trading the principal nerves and sinews of that country. So that if the anuity or summes of money forsaid shall be exacted off them it would tend, if not to their utter ruine and overthrow, yet at least to the great dammage of their estates and livelyhoods and consequently to their personal and ministeriall disgrace (being hardly put to it) and great disadvantage of ye Common interest in that part. Therefore ye severall ministers forsaid did humbly supplicate and by thir presents do earnestly desire and requeist ye said Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway their Ordinarie to represent the premises to ye most Reverend Fathers in God ye Archbishops with ye rest of ye Right Reverend ye Bishops in their meetings or any others that may ease or releive them for a time of ye foresaid imposed annuity, declaring hereby their very great willingnesse to contribute to ye ends contained in ye said act but their utter inabillities to advance ye said anuity at present, Humbly therefore requeisting ye Right Reverend Father forsaid to interpose his utmost power and moien to receave from their Lordships a candid and favourable answer which will undoubtedly engage the severall ministers of ye Diocesse of Galloway forsaid to continue his Majesties most dutyfull Loyall and Faithfull Subjects.

Anent such ministers who within ye bounds of the Prty of Kirkcudburgh do either abet or keep Conventicles.

The day forsaid ye Bishop and Synod appoints Mr Patrick Swinton, Mr William Naysmith and Mr Alexr. Irwin to represent to Sr. James Turner being now in towne, the names of such ministers who within the bounds of ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh do ether abet or keep Conventicles and to desire him to take such course as may remeid ye same. Their names are as followeth, viz.—Mr Adam Alison, Mr John Wilkie, Mr Samuel Arnet, Master James Buglasse, Mr Alexander Robertson, Mr William Hay, Master John Caut, Mr Thomas Verner, and Master John Blaicater.

Act anent ye late ministers abiding in places by law prohibited.

The Bishop and Synod taking into their serious consideration that although ye late ministers do reside within places prohibited to them by law yet notwithstanding they do altogether dishaunt the publick ordinances of Christ within these parishes where they abide, which practise of theirs tends to ye great stumbling of some and disheartning of others. Therefore ye Bishop and Synod ordains ye severall Presbytries within ye Diocesse of Galloway betwixt ye date hereof and the feast and term of Whitsunday

next to come, to put in execution these letters of horning delivered to the last Synod and not to sist in ye least unlesse they frequent ye ordinances according to law.

Act anent Schooles in severall Congregations.

The Bishop and Synod taking to serious consideration these many and sad disconveniences that are like to happen by and through the want of Schools and Schoolmasters within most of the Congregations of this Diocesse. Therefore the Bishop and Synod recommends to the severall Presbytries that they take care to settle schooles in their severall congregations conforme to law and ye former act of Synod, and for that effect ye Bishop and Synod recommends to ye severall Presbytries forsaid to keep visitations at ye severall churches within their respective bounds when desired thereto by ye minister of the parish.

Act anent Benefices.

The Bishop and Synod finding that the severall ministers of this Diocesse have not conforme to former acts of Synod given in their presentations, collations and other papers to be registrate in ye bookes of Synod for ye end contained in ye acts forsaid. Therey^e Bishop and Synod ordains ye severall ministers of this Diocesse to give to the Bishop a perfect and a strict account of their Patron; the nature of their

benefices, whether a free benefice or a modefied stipend; and if a modefied Stipend, the quantum and that whether of money or victual, As also whether they have decreets of locality yea or not, if not ye Synod ordains them to give obedience to an act of Synod passed at Wigtown Octob. 26, 1664, intituled *Act anent ministers benefices*, and the several moderators are to require from their brethren their diligence.

Anent a band to be tenderd to willfull withdrawers and Conventicle keepers.

The Bishop and Synod condiscends anent ye overture offered by Sir James Turner that a band be tendered by every minister to their disorderly parishoners wherein they are to oblige themselves under a penalty (suteable to their qualities) for observing ye ordinances in time comeing, dishaunting of Conventicles, not countenancing or resetting in their families seditious preachers, And ye Bishop and Synod ordains that the dilligence of the severall ministers anent the subscribers of ye said bands, with the names of such as refuse to subscribe ye samen be returned to Sir James Turner against ye fifteen day of May next to come. And the Bishop and Synod appoints Mr Patrick Swinton, Mr George Davidson, Mr William Naysmith, Mr Alexr. Irwin and Mr James Colhoun to go to Sir James Turner and give him the thanks

of ye Synod, as also to advise with him anent the draught of the bond forsaid and to report the next session.

Act for delateing willfull withdrawers and Conventicle Keepers.

The Bishop and Synod requires and commands ye severall ministers within this Diocesse to give in an exact and impartial list of all willfull and ordinary withdrawers, conventicle keepers and abetters of ye same, that are within their respective Congregations, unto the Synod at their next session.

Reported by Mr George Davidson and Mr George Leith that they had not according to order received the Prty booke of Stenrauer replyed that their book was not filld up by reason that Mr George Forbes late minister of Portpatrick had many of their minutes but the rest they had present here with them, the Bishop and Synod ordains them to be given to Mr Robert Steel and Mr James Kirk who are hereby required to visit ye samen and to report to the Synod the next session.

The Bishop and Synod adjourns their meeting till four of ye clock in the afternoon.

This Session was ended with prayer made to God by ye Right Reverend Father James Lord Bishop of Galloway, &c.

At ye Kirke of Kirkcudbrgh Dei Jovis Aprilis 26, 1666.—*Sessio: 3a. post merid.*

The day and place forsaid *Sederunt* James Lord Bishop of Galloway &c., Mr James Colhoun, Mr James Barrie, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Robert Fleming, Mr Alexr. Cooper. Mr Norman M'Kinnie, Mr Patrick Swinton, Mr George Davidson, Mr William Naysmith, Mr James Kirke, Mr Alexr. Irwin, Mr George Leith, Mr Robert More, Mr Qualter Dalgleish, Mr Robert Steel, Mr James Schaw, Mr William Harvy, Mr David M'Querne, Mr Thomas Ireland, Mr George Henry, Mr James Hutcheson, Mr Walter M'Gill, Mr James M'Gill, Mr John Coldwall, and the name of God was invocated by the Bishop.

The Bishop and Synod admits of Mr Walter Dalgleish his excuse for his absence from the last session.

Bond to be tendered to willfull withdrawers and Conventicle keeperr.

The day forsaid the draught of a bond made mention of in the last session was read the tenor whereof is as followeth. I —— —— Forasmickle as Sir James Turner commander of his Majesties forces of foot in Galloway having full and ample Commission

to take up ye fines imposed by act of Parliament upon such as willfully absent themselves from the church, the hearing of ye word and other divine ordinances, and to punish such as frequent Conventicles forbidden by the law, and resetts such outed ministers as do preach at these Conventicles, And I being one of that number that have trangressed in all or some one or other of ye premises, And yet being most civilie discreetly and gentilly delt with in ye matter of my fines for my bygane faults of that kind by ye said Sir James Turner, in hopes of and upon my promise to keep ye church duly and to frequent all divine ordinances for ye future and to dishaunt all Private Conventicles and to disown and discountenance all Conventicle preachers, Therefore wit ye me to be bound and obligd like as by thir presents I bind and oblige me to keep and observe this my promise in all ye particulars above rehearsed, As likewise in case it shall happen me at any time hereafter to dishaunt ye church, hearing of ye word or other divine ordinances for two Lords days together, unlesse I be hindred by sicknesse or by permission of the minister of the parish, And in case I shall be found to be present at any private Conventicle or meeting forbidden by ye law, or shall countenance or reset in my house, or contribute for the supply of any Conventicle preachers, In these cases and every one of them I bind and oblige me my heirs and executers to content and pay to ——— his heirs and

executers the summe of ———— Scots money, and that within six days next after my committing any of the said failings in any particular of the premises the samen being proven as accords in law, or, in case I shall refuse to clear myselfe by oath, before ye minister of the parish where I live or before the Presbytry of the place, And for the more securitie &c. The Bishop and Synod approooves of this bond forsaid and ordaines ye severall ministers to make use thereof according to the act passd in the last session of this present Synod.

Report of ye severall Presbytries anent an act intituled Act for delating of willfull withdrawers and Conventicle keepers.

The day and time forsaid in obedience to an act of ye last Session intituled *Act for delating of willfull withdrawers and conventicle keepers*, severall ministers of ye Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh who had not already delated any gave in a list of their willfull withdrawers and Conventicle keepers, which lists were delivered to ye Bishop. The Presbytry of Wigtowne declared that their willfull withdrawers and conventicle keepers were few and insignificant and that most of them were present at ye conventicle of Glenvoghie within the parish of Penygham on the last day of December 1665, but Mr James Garshore then minister of ye parish of Penygham

forsaid being not now in ye country they could not come to a perfect list of them. Therefore the Bishop and Synod appoints the Presbytry of Wigtowne to keep a visitation at ye Kirk of Penygham forsaid upon Wednesday the ninth day of Maij next to come that so they may come to ye full knowledge of those persons that were present at ye forsaid conventicle of Glenvoghie and Mr Norman M'Kinnie minister of Whitherne is hereby ordained to exercise there on that day upon the ordinarie place of their exercise and Mr James Barrie minister of Mochrum is appointed to intimate ye visitation forsaid. The Presbytry of Stenrauer being interrogate anent their willfull withdrawers declared that they had none except ye Earl of Cassillis; the late ministers; some chaplins, (which chaplins ye Synod ordains them to proceed against conforme to former acts) and one James Johnston a fugutive.

Act anent sessions within the Prty of Kirkcudburg.

The Bishop and Synod considering that severall ministers within the Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh are defective of Sessions by and through the unwillingnesse of their parishioners to joyne with them so that it is a great impediment to ye punishing of vice and exercing of discipline. Therefore the Bishop and Synod appoints ye severall ministers forsaid to make choice of a considerable number of fit members with-

in their respective parishes and to deal with them that they would sit and act with them for ye punishing of vice and exercing of discipline as said is, and if they will not, then the Bishop and Synod appoints ye severall ministers forsaid to signifie the samen to Sir James Turner.

Act anent the Lords day.

The Bishop and Synod being informed by the minister of Portpatrick that the Lords day was exceedingly profained there by and through the Boatmens sailing away on that day, and also the minister of Kirkmabreck declared that ye Lords day was also exceedingly profained by the ferrymen upon ye water of Craii the Bishop and Synod thinks fitt that ye abuse forsaid be represented to ye Justices of his Majesties Peace, and if it be not then helped that it be represented to ye Lords of His Majesties Privie Councell.

Act anent a Contribution for David Boyll.

The Bishop and Synod ordains ye severall ministers within this Diocesse carefully to collect the contribution allowed to David Boyll of Kellburne mentioned in an act of ye last Synod intituled *Act in favours of David Boyll*, and ye Bishop and Synod recomends to ye severall moderators that they see it carefully and exactly done.

Report of Mr Patrick Swinton &c.

Master Patrick Swinton in name of the rest reported to ye Bishop and Synod that thanks was given to Sir James Turner according to ye instructions of ye last Session.

Testimonial to Mr James Scot.

The day forsaid Mr James Scot late minister of Tungland having been upon weighty reasons transported from ye forsaid parish of Tungland within the Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh unto ye parish of Ancrum within ye Diocesse of Glasgow and Presbytry of Jedburgh desired the Bishop and Synod to grant him their testimonial which they condiscendit to and ordaind his said testimonial to be drawn up in large and ample forme which accordingly was done.

Censure of ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh.

The said day the Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh being removed upon censure the rest of ye Synod were interrogate if they knew any thing worthy of admonition or censure in them, it was replyed that they knew none except that there were very grosse scandals reported against the minister of Buthill and also against the minister of Kirkmabreck. Therefore ye Bishop and Synod ordaind ye Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh with all convenient diligence to keep first

a visitation at ye Kirk of Buthill for tryall of ye forsaid scandals risen upon the minister there and after that to keep a visitation at ye Kirk of Kirkmabreck for the tryall of ye forsaid scandals risen upon ye minister thereof and the Lords day before ye saids severall visitations ye Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh is hereby ordained to send one of their number to preach at ye saids Kirks respective and to intimate ye visitations to ye people charging them to keep ye diets for prooving or clearing of ye saids scandals.

Anent Mr David M'Querne.

The Bishop and Synod being informed that Mr David M'Querne minister of Corsefairne doth not frequent ye Presbyteriall diets did admonishe ye said Mr David to keep ye saids diets in time comeing.

Censure of ye Prty of Wigtowne.

The Presbytry of Wigtowne being removed upon censure at their returne receaved the good testimony of their bretheren.

Censure of ye Prty of Stenrauer.

The Presbytry of Stenrauer being removed upon censure at their returne receaved the good testimony of their bretheren.

Anent John Bayly.

The Bishop and Synod refers the case of John Bayly back againe to ye Presbytry of Stenrauer seriously recommending to them to be very carefull and diligent in searching out that scandal of adultery which he is lying under.

Anent ye Prty booke of Kirkcudburgh.

The which day ye Bisbop and Synod approoves of ye Presbytry booke of Kirkcudburgh which containes 28 pages which also beginns on June 10 1663 and ends April 3 1666, but withall recommends to ye moderator and remanent betheren of ye said Presbytry in time coming to make choice of an Ordinarie for their exercise and to mend in time coming some few informalites which ye Bishop and Synod did informe them of.

Anent ye Prty booke of Wigtowne.

The day forsaid ye Bishop and Synod approoves of ye Presbytry booke of Wigtown which containes 20 pages beginning on November 13 1663 and ending October 18 1665, but withall recommends to the moderator and remanent bretheren of ye said Presbytry for ye future to mend some few informalities which ye Bishop and Synod did informe them of.

Anent ye Prty booke of Stenrauer.

The day forsaid the Bishop and Synod finding that the Records of ye acts of ye Presbytry of Stenrauer are not writen in a booke, as also that the papers they have here are only some minutes. Therefore they do ordain ye moderator and remanent bretheren of ye said Prty to bring their booke filld up in right forme to ye next Synod with certification if they faile hereanent the moderator and Clerk shall be liable to the sentence of suspension.

Moderators.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Master Patrick Swinton minister of Corsemichael to be moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at Kirkcudburgh and in his absence Mr George Davidson minister of Rerick. And Mr James Barrie minister of Mochrum to be moderator to the bretheren of ye exercise at Wigtowne, and in his absence Mr Alexr Cooper minister of Sorbie, and in his absence Mr Andrew Symson minister of Kirkinner. And Mr Thomas Ireland minister of Kirkolme to be moderator to the bretheren of ye exercise at Stenrauer and these to moderate untill ye next ensuing Synod.

Next Synod.

The Bishop and Synod appoints their next Synodicall meeting to be at Wigtown upon the last Tues-

day of October in this instant yeer of God one thousand six hundred sixty and six.

This last session was ended with prayer to God made by the Right Reverend Father in God James, Lord Bishop of Galloway, &c.

A. Symson, cl. sd.

THE REGISTER OF Y^E SYNOD OF GALLOWAY holden at ye KIRK of WIGTOWNE, on Tuesday the thirtieth day of October one thousand six hundred sixtie and six. And in the eighteen yeer of the Reigne of Our Soveraigne Lord CHARLES ye 2d., King of Great Britaine, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

At Wigtowne, Die Martis Octob. 30, 1666.

The which day sermon being begun and ended by the Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway, &c.

Sederunt.—The members of the Synod of Galloway then present, viz.—James Lord Bishop of Galloway forsaid, Mr Alex^r Cooper minister of Sorbie and moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at Wigtowne, Mr James Colhoun minister of Penygham,

Mr Andrew Symson minister of Kirkinner, Mr Norman M'Kinnie minister of Whitherne, Mr Robert Fleming minister of Monnygaffe, Mr James Cooper minister of Wigtowne, Mr John Somervale minister of Kirkuan. Master Patrick Swinton minister of Borg and moderator to the bretheren of the exercise at Kirkcudburgh, Mr James Kirke minister of Balmaghie, Mr George Davidson minister of Anwith, Mr Robert More minister of Balmaclellan, Mr George Leith minister of Twynam, Mr Walter Dalgleish minister of Tungland, Mr James Schaw minister of Kirkmabreck, Mr Robert Steel minister of Kells, Mr William Harvay minister of Buthill, Mr Thomas Ireland minister of Kirkolme, and moderator to ye bretheren of the exercise at Stenrauer, Mr George Henry minister of Stoniekirke, Mr James Hutcheson minister of Inch, Mr Walter M'Gill minister of Laswalt, Mr James M'Gill minister of Kirkmaiden, Mr John Caldwall minister of Portpatrick, and ye name of God was invocated by ye said Right Reverend Father.

None absent out of ye Prt^y^ of Wigtown.

None absent out of ye Prt^y^ of Stenrauer.

Absent out of ye Prt^y^ of Kirkcudburgh—Mr Alex^r^ Irwing minister of Parton, Mr David M'Querne minister of Corsefairne, and Mr Simon Knox minister of Girton.

Mr Alex^r Irwing is excusd, for his absence from ye Synod, by his letter.

Master David M'Querne is excusd by his letter for his absence from this Synod.

The Bishop and Synod ordaines ye Prt^y book of Stenrauer to be given to Mr Norman M'Kinney and Mr James Cooper who are hereby appointed to visit ye same and to report to ye Synod at their next session.

The Bishop and Synod ordaines ye Prt^y book of Wigtown to be delivered to Mr James Kirk and Mr Robert Steel who are hereby appointed to visit ye same and to report to ye Synod at their next session.

The Prt^y of Kirkcudburgh not producing their booke gave in their excuse and ye Bishop and Synod delays the approooving of ye same till the next session

The Bishop and Synod appoints Mr Patrick Swinton, Mr George Davidson, Mr George Leith, Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Robert Fleming, Mr Alex^r Cooper, Mr Thomas Ireland, Mr George Henry and Mr James Hutcheson to meet in the Bishops chamber at four a clock in ye afternoone upon ye privie Conference.

The Bishop and Synod adjourns their Synodicall meeting till nine of the clock to-morrow morning.

This session was closed with prayer to God made by ye Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway, &c.

At the Privie Conference, hora quarta.

All the above nominate ministers were present.

At ye Kirke of Wigtowne, die Mercurij, Octob. 31, 1666.—*Sessio: 2^a. ante merid.*

The which day *Sederunt* James Lord Bishop of Galloway, Mr Alex^r Cooper, Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Norman M'Kinnie, Mr Robert Fleming, Mr James Cooper, Mr John Somervale, Mr Patrick Swinton, Mr James Kirk, Mr George Davidson, Mr Robert More, Mr George Leith, Mr Walter Dalgleish, Mr Robert Steel, Mr James Schaw, Mr William Harvay, Mr Thomas Ireland, Mr George Henry, Mr James Hutcheson, Mr Walter M'Gill, Mr James M'Gill, Mr John Caldwall, and ye name of God was invocated by ye Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway &c.

Act anent Papists.

The which day in pursuance of a former act of Synod ye Bishop and Synod required the moderator and remanent Bretheren of the Presbytry of Kirkcudbrugh to give in a list of the excommunicate papists within their bounds, and they gave ye said list as fol-

loweth viz.—Within ye parish of Parton, the Laird of Parton elder; within ye parish of Twynam William Browne of Nuntown; within the parish of Bootle Elizabeth Maxwell Lady Milltowne; Katharine Browne spouse to John McCairtnie of Haccetlies; Robert Maxwell of Breoch and his wife. The Synod recommends these above said excommunicate papists unto their ordinarie that such course may be taken as ye law allows. The Bishop and Synod also requird ye moderator and severall Ministers to give in a list of such within their bounds as are professd papists and are not excommunicate; the Prt^y forsaid delated these persons following viz.—within ye parish of Bootle Edward Maxwell in Breoch and wife, Margaret Vans Lady Brakenside, Margaret Hamliton spouse to young Haccetlies, Margaret Wightman servant to young Haccetlies, James Cannon in Kirkennen, John Williamson and his wife in Kirkennen, Within ye parish of Reddick Richard Browne in Barclaije Within ye parish of Kelton, John Hutton in Carlingwork, as for these above named profesd papists and not excommunicate ye Bishop and Synod seriously recommends to ye moderator and remanent Bretheren of ye Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh that they frequently conferr with them and endeavour their conviction and satisfaction, but if that notwithstanding they remaine obstinate then ye moderator and Presbytry forsaid are hereby ordained to proceed against them with ye censures of ye Kirk and more-

over whereas the Bishop and Synod are informed that there are divers within ye bounds of ye Presbytry forsaid that are suspected to be papists therefore ye Bishop and Synod seriously recommends to ye Moderator and Presbytry forsaid that they carefully informe themselves anent such and ye Moderator and Presbytry forsaid are hereby required to be ready at ye next Synod to give in a particular account of all the particulars contained in this Act.

Anent ye Parish of Kelton.

The Bishop and Synod having read and considered a supplication subscribed by ye heritors and tennants of the parish of Kelton making mention of their disconsolate condition by and through the want of Gods word and ordinances preached in their so long vacant congregation earnestly desiring supply for the future. For remeid whereof ye Bishop day and place forsaid did engage to deal with ye Bishop of Edinburgh (patron of ye said Church) for ye speedy planting of ye samen and setling of it with a maintenance. And in ye interim ye Bishop and Synod ordaines ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh to supply that vacant congregation now and then as they best may upon ye desire of ye parishoners forsaid.

Act aennt ye Complaints of Girton and Kelton.

The day forsaid ye Bishop and Synod receaved a supplication subscribed by divers of ye heritors and

tennants within ye parish of Girton making mention that they were exceedingly wronged by Sir James Turner his souldiers who sessd on them and fynd ym onely for alledged disobedience, earnestly desiring ye Bishop and Synod to find out some way for remeid of ye same, and forasmuch as ye comissioners from ye parish of Kelton also did complaine to ye Synod that divers within their parish who walked according to law were fined by Sir James Turner. Therefore ye Bishop and Synod thought fit that a letter thereanent should be writen to Sir James Turner and Mr Patrick Swinton and Mr Robert Steel are hereby ordained to carrie and deliver ye samen.

Act renewing a former act intituled Act anent benefices.

The Bishop and Synod doth hereby renew an Act concluded upon at ye last Synod intituled, *Act anent benefices* and ordaines ye severall ministers within ye Diocesse punctually to observe ye same.

Act anent ye letters of horning raisd against ye late ministers.

Anent ye letters of horning against ye late ministers ye Bishop and Synod recommends to ye severall Presbytries to make use of them as need requires.

Act renewing a former act intituled Act anent ministers examining of their people.

The Bishop and Synod renews a former act passd at Wigtowne Octob. 26, 1664. Intituled *Act anent ministers examining of their people,* and do hereby require ye severall ministers within this Diocesse with all conveniencie to set about ye examining of their respective Congregations, and that under the paine of suspension.

Act anent conventicles.

The Bishop and Synod considering how that the worke of ye ministry, hath been exceedingly retarded by unlawfull meetings and conventicles, as also that it will be of dangerous consequence if they be tolerated and ye keepers thereof escape unpunished therefore they do ordaine that if in time coming it happen that there be any conventicle or unlawfull meeting within any parish within the bounds of this Diocesse then the moderator and remanent bretheren of that Presbytry wherein that conventicle or unlawfull meeting shall be are hereby ordained with ye first convenience to intimate and keep a visitation at the Kirk of that parish wherein the conventicle shall be and there they are carefully and diligently to examine the same and make narrow search concerning it and then with diligence they are to send the full information thereanent unto the Bishop.

Act anent disobeyers of Prtyll injunctions.

The Bishop and Synod being informed that some who are members of ye Synod do sometimes refuse to give obedience to ye acts and injunctions of their Presbytries. Therefore they do hereby strictly command and require every minister within this Diocesse to give due and ready obedience to ye acts and ordinances of their respective Presbytries, and to put in execution these acts and ordinances if they so require with certification that whosoever shall be found to be disobedient shall be liable to ye sentence of suspension.

Act anent giving of testimonials.

The Bishop and Synod do hereby discharge the severall ministers within this Diocesse to give testimonialls to any of their parishioners to be married or to have their children baptized by any nonconforme ministers, and that when they give any testimonialls they must be to a particular minister and he authorized by law, and moreover ye Bishop and Synod doth hereby discharge ye severall parishioners within this Diocesse to imploy any minister not authorized by law ether to preach, marry, baptize, celebrate ye communion or any other ministeriall duty and it is recommended to ye severall Presbytries to cause intimate ye latter part of this act to their respective con-

gregations within their bounds whether planted or vacant.

Report anent Mr James Schaw.

Reported by ye Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh that in obedience to an act of ye last Synod they had a visitation at ye Kirk of Kirkmabreck for ye tryall of some seandals risen upon Mr James Schaw minister thereat, but after diligent search and inquirie nothing was made out against him.

Report anent Mr William Harvy.

The day forsaid the Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh reported that in obedience to an act of the last Synod they held a visitation at the Kirk of Bootle in order to the tryal of some scandals risen upon Mr William Harvay minister thereat, as also that they had receaved a lybell against him containing divers articles pursued by Caigtown who did nominate divers witnesses to prove ye same whereupon ye witnesses were summond divers of them have compeird and have depond upon oath but nothing material in ye lybell is yet prooven; as also that divers of ye witnesses have been summond and that three times but have not compeird and moreover they ye Prty forsaid declared that Caigtown the pursuer is like to desist the process having not compeird these sundry Prty days bypast. The Bishop and Synod having considered ye Report above mentioned do hereby

ordain ye Moderator and Prty forsaid *primo quoque tempore* to proceed in ye processe forsaid as also to proceed against such witnesses as have refused to compeir untill they come and declare ye truth of what they know in ye said Lybell and moreover if Caigton ye pursuer shall desist the processe then ye moderator forsaid is hereby ordained to signify ye same to ye Bishop.

Censure of ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh.

The Prty of Kirkcudburgh being removed upon censure at their returne receaved the good testimony of their bretheren.

Anent the Prty booke of Kirkcudburgh.

The Bishop and Synod doth hereby admit of the excuse of ye moderator of the Prty of Kirkcudburgh why their book was not produced this Synod.

Anent a common head.

The Bishop and Synod appoints the Prty of Kirkcudburgh carefully to observe an act passd at Wigtown November 1, 1665, Intituled *Act anent a common-head.*

Censure of ye Prty of Wigtowne.

The Prty of Wigtowne being removed upon censure at their returne receaved ye good testimony of their bretheren.

Anent ye Prty booke of Wigtowne.

Reported by ye visitors appointed to visit ye Prty booke of Wigtowne that their book was not filld up and therefore they did not examine the same, ye Prty of Wigtown gave in their excuse which ye Bishop and Synod did admit of but withall ordaind ye said book to be filld up against ye next Synod.

Censure of ye Prty of Stenrauer.

The Prty of Stenrauer being removed upon censure at their returne receaved ye good testimony of their brethereri.

Anent ye Prty book of Stenrauer.

Reported by ye visitors appointed to visit ye Prty booke of Stenrauer that their booke was not compleat, the Prty of Stenrauer gave in there excuse which ye Bishop and Synod did admit of but withall ordaind the said booke to be filld up against the next Synod.

Anent a Common head.

The Bishop and Synod appoints the Prty of Stenrauer carefully to observe an act passed at Wigtowne November 1, 1664, intituled *Act anent a common-heatd.*

Report anent ye Profanation of ye Lord's day.

Reported by the Prty of Stenrauer that the abuse committed by ye boatmen at Portpatrick on ye Lords day made mention of in an act of ye last Synod, is now restrained.

Anent John Bayly.

The Bishop and Synod do refer back again ye case of John Bayly to ye Prty of Stenrauer recommending to them to be very diligent in searching out that scandal.

Moderators.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Mr Patrick Swinton to be moderator to ye bretheren of the exercise at Kirkcudburgh, Mr Alexr Cooper to be moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at Wigtowne, and Mr George Henry to be moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at Stenrauer and these to moderate till ye next ensuing Synod.

Next Synod.

The Bishop and Synod appoints their next Synodicall meeting to be at Kirkcudburgh upon the last Wednesday of April in the ensuing yeer of God one thousand six hundred sixtie and seven.

This last session was ended with prayer to God made by ye Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway &c.

Andrew Symson, cl. s^d.

THE REGISTER OF YE SYNOD of GALLOWAY holden at the KIRKE of KIRKCUDBURGH, on Wednesday the twentie second day of Maij One thousand six hundred sixtie and seaven. And in the nineteen yeer of ye Reigne of Our Soveraigne Lord CHARLES ye 2d. King of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

At Kirkcudburgh, Dei Mercurij, Maij 22, 1667.

The which day Sermon being begun and ended by Mr Thomas Irland minister of Kirkolme by ye appointment of his Ordinar.

Sederunt—ye members of the Synod of Galloway then present, viz.—James Lord Bishop of Galloway, &c., Mr Alexr. Cooper minister of Sorbie and moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at Wigtown,

Master James Colhoun minister of Penygham, Mr Andrew Symson minister of Kirkinner, Mr Norman M'Kinney minister of Whitherne, Master James Cooper minister of Mochrum, and Mr John Sommervale minister of Glassertowne, Master Patrick Swinton minister of Borg and moderator to ye bretheren of the exercise at Kirkcudburgh, Mr James Kirk minister of Balmaghie, Mr George Davidson minister of Anwith, Mr George Leith minister of Twynham, Mr Alexr. Irwing minister of Parton, Mr Walter Dalgleish minister of Tungland, Mr William Harvay minister of Bootle, Master James Schaw minister of Kirkmabreck, Master George Henrie minister of Stoniekirk and moderator to ye bretheren of the exercise at Stenrauer, Mr Thomas Ireland minister of Kirkolme, Mr James Hutcheson minister of Inch, Mr Walter M'Gill minister of Lochswalt, Mr James M'Gill minister of Kirkmaiden, and Mr John Caldwell minister of Portpatrick, and the name of God was invocated by ye said Right Reverend Father James Lord Bishop of Galloway &c.

Absent out of the Prty of Wigtowne—Master Robert Fleming minister of Monnygaffe.

Absent out of the Prty of Kirkcudburgh—Mr Robert More minister of Balmaclellan, Mr Robert Steele minister of Kells, Mr David M'Querne minister of Corsefairne, Mr Simon Knox minister of Girton.

None absent out of the Prty of Stenrauer.

The Bishop and Synod do appoint the Prty book of Wigtowne to be delivered to Mr George Leith and Mr James Kirke who are hereby appointed to visit ye same and to report to ye Synod at their next session.

The Bishop and Synod appoint the Prty book of Stenrauer to be delivered to Mr Norman M'Kinney and Mr James Cooper who are hereby appointed to visit ye same and to report to the Synod at their next session.

The Prty of Kirkcudburgh not producing their book gave in their excuse, the Bishop and Synod delays to approove of ye said excuse till the next session.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Mr Patrick Swinton, Mr George Davidson, Mr Alexr. Irwing, Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Alexr. Cooper, Mr George Henry, Mr James Hutcheson, and Mr Thomas Ireland to meet in the Bishop's chamber at two a clock in the afternoon upon the Privie Conference.

The Bishop and Synod adjournes their next Synodical meeting till five a clock in the afternoon and all persons that are summoned to ye Synod are

hereby ordaind to compeir then before them and publick intimation was made hereof at the most patent door of ye said Kirk of Kirkcudbrugh.

This Session was closed with prayer to God made by ye said Right Reverend Father James Lord Bishop of Galloway.

At ye Privie Conference, hora 2da.

All the above nominate ministers were present.

At the Kirke of Kirkcudbrugh Die Mercurij Maij 22. 1667.—Sess. 2a. post merid.

The said day *Sederunt* James Lord Bishop of Galloway, Mr Alexr. Cooper, Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Norman M'Kinney, Mr James Cooper, Mr John Sommervale, Mr Patrick Swinton, Mr James Kirk, Mr George Davidson, Mr George Leith, Mr Alexr. Irwing, Mr Walter Dalgleish, Mr William Harvay, Mr James Schaw, Mr George Hennie, Mr Thomas Irland, Mr James Hutcheson, Mr Walter M'Gill, Mr James M'Gill, Mr John Caldwell, and the name of God was invocated by ye Bishop.

Report of ye Prty of Kirkcudbrugh anent papists.

The Presbytry of Kirkcudbrugh being interrogate what progresse they had made in obediance to ye act

of ye last Synod anent papists in their bounds, Reported that they were hindred from putting ye act of Synod in execution by and through the great disorder and confusion that hath been in their bounds since ye last Synod by reason of ye late rebellion. The Bishop and Synod admits of ye said excuse, renews ye former act and ordains them to proceed thereanent if God send peace and settlement.

Report of ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh anent Kelton.

Reported by ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh that in obedience to an act of ye last Synod they had supplied ye vacant congregation of Kelton when they were desired by ye parishioners thereof.

Report anent a letter sent to Sir James Turner.

Reported by Mr Patrick Swinton that in obedience to an act of ye last Synod he and Mr Robert Steel delivered the letter to Sir James Turner which was by an act of ye last Synod intituled *Act anent ye complaints of Girton and Kelton* appointed to be writen and sent to him.

Act renewing former acts.

The Bishop and Synod do hereby renew a former act concluded at Wigtown Octob. 26, 1664, intituled *Act anent ministers examining of their people,* as

also an act concluded upon at Kirkcudburgh April 26, 1666, intituled *Act anent Benefices*, as also an act concluded upon at Wigtown Octob. 31, 1666, intituled *Act anent disobeyers of Presbyteriall injunctions.*

Report of ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh anent Mr William Harvay and William Harreise of Caigtown.

Reported by ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh that they could not bring ye processe anent Mr William Harvay to a close by reason that Caigtown the pursuer had deserted his processe whereupon they had summond him to ye Synod.

Act anent Mr William Harvay and Caigtown.

The said day William Harreise of Caigtown (being summond to ye Synod by ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh) was calld but compeird not, ye Bishop and Synod ordains ye Prty to proceed against him as also to do what they can clearing of ye processe anent Mr William Harvay and to bring it to a close.

The Bishop and Synod taking to their serious consideration the barbarous and inhumane cruelties the insolent and bold robberies that have been committed upon ye persons and estates of some of the minters of this Diocesse since the sixt day of Maij instant Doe think fit that a letter be written to ye Lord com-

missioner his Grace and another to ye Lord Archbishop of Glasgow earnestly desiring their Lordships that some speedy and effectual course may be taken for remeid of ye samen, and it is hereby recommended to ye Right Reverend ye Bishop of Galloway to write ye saids letters and to make choice of such persons for ye carrying of ye saids letters as his Lordship shall think most fit and expedient.

The Bishop and Synod being informed that Mr John Sommervale minister of Glasserton, Mr James M'Gill minsiter of Kirkmaiden and Mr John Coldwall minister of Portpatrick had for a long time been absent from their respective Congregations Did think fit that they should be rebuked for ye samen.—Whereupon the Bishop did rebuke them Synodically and exhorted them to make conscience in time coming to wait upon their charges respective.

The Bishop and Synod do by this their present act renew all former acts made anent such ministers as shall absent themselves from ye meetings of their respective Presbytries, and declared that whatsoever minister that without a relevant excuse shall be absent three Prt^y days shall be rebuked and shall humble himselfe for ye same and if he be absent four Prt^y days then he shall be suspended.

Act anent Mr William Cleeland.

The Bishop and Synod do hereby ordaine ye Prty of Stenrauer to proceed against Mr William Cleeland in ye Parish of Lochswalt for the scandals contained in his lybell and declared to ye Bishop and Synod.

The Bishop did recommend to ye severall ministers of this Diocesse to keep the twentie ninth day of this instant Maij at a day of publick thanksgiving conform to ye act of Parliament made thereanent.

Act anent Roger M'Croskraij.

The Bishop and Synod do hereby renew a former act made in favours of Roger M'Croskraij Burges of Wigtown and do recommend him for supply to such ministers and parishes within this Diocesse as have hitherto been deficient.

Mr Robt. Steel minister of ye Kells being summond *apud acta* by the Prty of Kirkcudburgh to the Synod was calld but compeird not the Prty are ordaind to proceed against him.

Patrick Rain smith in Twynam and Margt. M' Cuffie being by ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh summond to the Synod were calld and both compeird the said Margrat did affirm that the said Patrick had committed the sin of Adultery with her, but the said

Patrick denyed ye same, and being dealt with by ye Bishop to make an ingenuous and free confession did most stifly deny that he was guilty of ye said sin with the said Margrat, whereupon ye Bishop and Synod did refer them back to ye Prt^y^ of Kirkcudburgh for further tryal.

Private Censures.

The Prt^ys^ were removed upon censure and at their returne receaved ye good testimony of their bretheren but the censure of the Prt^y^ books is delayed till the next session.

The Bishop and Synod adjourns their meeting till to-morrow at seaven a clock.

This session was ended with prayer to God made by ye Right Reverend James Lord Bishop of Galloway.

At ye Kirk of Kirkcudbnrgh, Die Jovis, Maij 23, 1667.—*Sess.* 3^a^. *Ante meridiem.*

The said day *Sederunt* James Lord Bishop of Galloway, Mr Alex^r^. Cooper, Mr Ja^s^. Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Norman M'Kinney, Mr James Cooper Mr John Sommervale, Mr George Henry, Mr Thomas Irland, Mr James Hutcheson, Mr Walter M'Gill, Mr James M'Gill, Mr John Coldwell, Mr Patrick Swinton, Mr James Kirk, Mr George

Davidson, Mr George Leith, Mr Alexr. Irwing, Mr Walter Dalgleish, Mr William Harvay, Mr James Schaw, and Mr Robt. Bous minister of Rerrick (who was this morning ordaind and admitted minister of ye said Kirk and Parish of Rerrick) and the name of God was invocated by ye. Bishop.

Censure of ye Prty book of Wigtowne.

The which day ye Bishop and Synod upon ye report given in by ye visitors do approve ye Prty booke of Wigtowne, beginning page 21, Decemb. 6, 1665, and ending page 51, Sorbie, Maij 9, 1667.

Censure of ye Prty book of Stenrauer.

The which day ye Bishop and Synod upon ye report given in by ye visitors do approve ye Prty book of Stenrauer containing pages, beginning at Stenrauer, August 14, 1665, and ending At Stoniekirk, May 15, 1667, but recommends them to change their clerk.

It is also recommended to ye Prty of Stenrauer to take course anent Mr John Cunigham his refusing to exercise at Glenlusse, April 10, 1667, upon Colloss. 1. 18, and for his declaring himselfe not clear to joyne with them in exercise or submit himselfe to their censure.

Anent ye Prty book of Kirkcudburgh.

The Prty of Kirkcudburgh are hereby strictly ordained to produce their Prty booke the next Synod.

Moderators.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Mr Alexr. Irwing to be moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at Kirkcudburgh, Mr Alexr. Cooper to be moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at Wigtown, and Mr George Henry to be moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at Stenrauer, and these to continue till ye next ensuing Synod.

Next Synod.

The Bishop and Synod appoints their next Synodical meeting to be at Wigtown upon the last Tuesday of October next in this instant yeer of God one thousand six hundred sixtie and seaven.

This last session was ended with prayer to God made by ye Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway, &c.

THE REGISTER OF YE SYNOD OF GALLOWAY holden at ye KIRK of WIGTOWNE, on Tuesday the twentie ninth day of October one thousand six hundred sixtie and seaven.—And in the nineteenth yeer of the Reigne of Our Soveraigne Lord CHARLES ye 2d., King of Great Brittaine, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

At Wigtowne, Die Martis Octob. 29, 1667.

The which day sermon being begun and ended by ye Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway, &c.

Sederunt.—The members of ye Synod of Galloway then present, viz.—James Lord Bishop of Galloway forsaid, Mr Alexr. Cooper minister of Sorbie, and moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at Wig-

towne; Master James Colhoun minister of Penygham, Mr Andrew Symson minister of Kirkinner, Mr Walter M'Gill minister of Wigtown, Mr Norman M'Kinney minister of Whitherne, Mr James Cooper minister of Mochrum and Mr John Sommervale minister of Glassertowne, Mr James Leiper minister of Kirkuan, Mr Alexander Irwing minister of Parton and moderator to ye bretheren of the exercise at Kirkcudburgh, Mr James Kirk minister of Balmaghie, Mr Robert More minister of Balmaclellan, Mr George Leith minister of Twynam, Mr Walter Dalgleish minister of Tungland, Mr Robert Steel minister of Kells, Mr David M'Querne minister of Corsefairne, Mr James Schaw minister of Kirkmabreck, Mr Wm. Harvay minister of Bootle, Mr Robt Bows minister of Rerrick, Mr Alexr. Mortymer minister of Kirkcudburgh, Mr Thomas Irland minister of Kirkolme, Mr James Hutcheson minister of Inch, Mr James M'Gill minister of Kirkmaiden, Mr John Caldwall minister of Portpatrick, Mr Wm. Sommervale minister of Stenrauer, and ye name of God was invocated by ye said Right Reverend Father.

Absent out of ye Prty of Wigtown—Mr Robert Fleming minister of Monnygaffe.

Absent out of ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh—Mr Patrick Swinton minister of Borg, Mr George Davidson minister of Anwith, and Mr Simon Knocks minister of Girton.

Absent out of ye Prty of Stenrauer—Mr George Henrie minister at Stoniekirk and moderator to ye Prty of Stenrauer, who sent a letter to ye Bishop and Synod making mention of his sicknesse and therefore desired to be excusd for his absence, the Bishop and Synod judging his excuse relevant did admit of the same and excusd him for his absence.

Wm. Harreise of Caigtown and Patrick Raine within ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh and summond by the Prty officer there to ye Synod were calld but compeird not ye Bishop and Synod defers their sentence till their next session.

The Bishop and Synod appoints ye Prty book of Wigtown to be delivered to Mr James Kirke and Mr George Leith who are hereby appointed to visit ye same and to report the next session.

The Bishop and Synod appoints ye Prty book of Kirkcudburgh to be delivered to Mr Walter M'Gill and Mr James Cooper who are hereby appointed to visit ye same and to report the next session.

The Prty of Stenrauer gave in their excuse why their register was not produced, the conference is to consider upon it.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Mr James Colhoun, Mr Alexr. Cooper, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr

Alex^{r} Irwing, Mr Qualter Dalgleish, Mr Alex^{r} Mortymer, Mr Thomas Irland, Mr James Hutcheson, to meet in the Bishops Chamber at five of ye clock upon ye privie conference, and Mr Robert More, Mr David M'Querne and Mr Robert Steele are appointed to wait on there to give in their excuses for their absence from ye last Synod.

The Synod is adjourned till to-morrow at 8 of the clock.

This Session was ended with prayer to God made by ye said Right Reverend James Lord Bishop of Galloway.

At the Privie Conference, hora 5ta.

All the above nominate ministers were present.

At the Kirke of Wigtowne Die Mercurij, Octob. 30, 1667.—*Sess.* 2^{a}.

Sederunt—James Lord Bishop of Galloway Mr Alex^{r} Cooper, Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Walter M'Gill, Mr Norman M'Kinney, Mr Robert Fleming, Mr James Cooper, Mr John Sommervale, Mr James Leiper, Mr Alex^{r} Irwing, Mr James Kirk, Mr Robert More, Mr George Leith, Mr Walter Dalgleish, Mr Robert Steel, Mr James Schaw, Mr David M'Querne, Mr William

Harvay, Mr Robert Bous, Mr Alexr Mortymer, Mr Thomas Irland Mr James Hutcheson, Mr James M'Gill, Mr John Caldwall, Mr William Sommervale, and ye name of God was invocated by ye Bishop.

The Bishop and Synod admits of Mr Robert Fleming his excuse for his absence from the last Synod and also from ye first Session of this present Synod.

The Bishop and Synod admits of the excuses of Mr Robert More, Mr Robert Steel and Mr David M'Querne for their absence from the last Synod but withall exhorts them to make conscience to attend the Synodicall meetings as also as often as conveniently they can without danger to attend the diets of the Prty at Kirkcudburgh.

Patrick Raine in the parish of Twynam being under scandal of adultery with Margaret M'Cuffie and referrd by ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh to the Synod and summond thereto, was call'd and compeird but stood stifly to the denyall thereof the Bishop and Synod refers him back to the Prty advising them upon the presumptions made out against him, to proceed against him with excommunication slowly and if that bring him not to a confession then they are advised to take his oath.

Act anent William Harreise.

The day forsaid the Bishop and Synod was informd by ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh that William Harreise of Caigtown being disobedient to the citations of the Prty was by them referrd to ye Synod and and upon the twentie one day of this instant October summond to the Synod by John M'Callen Presbytry Officer but ye said William Harreise did beat their Officer for summoning him and did protest that he would beat out the Officers braines and cause Mr William Harvay minister of Bootle lick them up. Whereupon (the said William Harreise being calld three severall times at the most patent door of the Kirk of Wigtown and not compeiring) the Bishop and Synod ordaines ye Prty to proceed in their Summons against him and if he compeir not to go on to excommunication and for his not they referr him to ye Judge Ordinar within the country, and if satisfaction be not gotten that way then they ordain the matter to be represented to ye Lords of his Majesties privie Councell.

Report of the Prty of Kirkcudburgh.

Reported by the Prty of Kirkcudburgh that they had not as yet conferrd with the papists in their bounds conforme to former acts of ye synod by reason of the unsetlednesse of their country.

The day forsaid the Bishop produced to ye Synod an act of his Majesties privie Councell of the date Julij 30, 1667, ordaining an list of the haile papists in every parish within the Kingdome to be taken up by ye minister of the parish as the said act at length bears. Wherefore the Bishop and Synod did require the severall ministers who had papists within their bounds to give them up. In obedience whereto the severall ministers who had papists excommunicate gave in a list of them to ye Bishop subscribed with their hands. And moreover they declared that they had divers professd papists within their respective parishes who are not as yet excommnnicate which are as followeth viz.,—within the parish of Bootle, John Williamson in Kirkennen and his wife John Maxwell of Brakenside and Alex^r Maxwell his brother, Margaret Vans Lady Brakenside, James Cannon of Kirkinnen, Margaret Hamilton wife to Gilbert Mc Cairtnie of Hacketlies; Edward Maxwell in Breoch, and his wife and within ye parish of Parton Isobell Seaton Lady Parton James Glendoning William Glendoning Robert Glendoning Agnes Glendoning children to John Glendoning Laird of Parton (himselfe being excommunicate twentie four yeers since by Mr Alex^r Irwing then minister) were professd papists as also John Glendoning Taylor in Parton was a professd papist, and that James Gordon in Markland was suspect. Within the parish of Rerrick, Richard Brown in Barclaij was a professd pa-

pist, as also John Hutton in Carlingwork within ye parish of Kelton. The Bishop and Synod ordaines ye moderator and Prty of Kirkcudburgh (within whose bounds ye said papists dwell) to proceed against them with ecclesiasticall censure conforme to ye forsaid act of his Majesties Privie Councell and severall former acts of Synod made thereanent.

Anent Quakers

The day forsaid the Bishop produced to ye Synod an act of his Majesties privie Councell dated Julij 30, 1667, against Quakers recommending to ye Lords of ye Clergy to be carefull that the said persons be proceeded against in the ecclesiastical censures in the ordinar forme and course as the said act at lenth bears, Whereupon ye Bishop did interrogate ye severall ministers whether there were any such within their bounds, answer was made that there was only one, viz.—Hutcheson wife to James Blair within the parish of Portpatrick. The Bishop and Synod ordaind the Presbytry of Stenrauer to confer with her and if she continue obstinate to proceed against her with ecclesiasticall censure.

Act renewing a former act anent benefices.

The Bishop and Synod do hereby renew an act concluded upon at Kirkcudburgh, April 26, 1666, intitled *Act anent benefices* and ordaines the severall

ministers within the Diocesse punctualy to observe the same.

Report anent letters sent to ye Commissioner and the Archbishop of Glasgow.

Reported by ye Bishop that the letters appointed by ye last Synod to be sent to ye Commissioner his Grace and ye Archbishop of Glasgow and recommended to him to send, were sent and receaved a very satisfactory answer.

Report anent Mr. William Clelland.

Reported by ye Prty of Stenrauer that they had not gon on in the process of Mr Wm Clelland because of ye transportation of Mr Walter M'Gill from that parish, the Bishop and Synod do therefore supersede ye proresse anent ye said Mr William Clelland till ye kirk of Laswalt be planted with a minister.

Act anent William Crawford and Jennet Clellan.

William Crawford and Jennet M'Clellen within the Prty of Wigtown and Parish of Monnygaffe being under ye scandal of incest and summond to ye Synod were calld and compeird and being severally exhorted to make a free and ingenuous confession stood both to a stiffe denyall, ye Bishop and Synod being informed by ye Prty of Wigtown that upon some presumptions made out against them they had

ordaind them to separat under paine of excommunication, approves of ye said act and ordains them to proceed if they cohabit and recommends to the Prty to be diligent and carefull in searching out ye truth of ye businesse.

Act anent Mr William Harvay.

The which day ye Bishop and Synod considering that whereas by their act of the twentie sixt day of April one thousand six hundred sixtie and six they had ordaind ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh to hold a visitation at ye Kirk of Bootle for ye tryalls of sundry scandals generally reported against Mr Wm Harvay minister thereof In obedience whereunto ye Prty forsaid upon Maij 22, 1666, did admit of a lybel against ye said Mr Wm Harvie subscribed by William Harries of Caigtown; the which lybell (although they did not think themselves bound or obliged to admit or receave in regard it was pursued by one that is knowne to be an open profane and scandalous person yet) (least by any means the mouths of ye Country should be opened against them as connivers and Coverers of any scandals in any of their number) they were pleased *ex superabundanti* to admit of and gave order for the summoning of witnesses for proving of the same, as also by severall visitations holden at ye said Kirk of Bootle and other of their Presbyterial meetings they had been at great paines in examining

of them. And moreover ye Bishop and Synod finding by ye reports given in by ye Prty forsaid to ye Synod Octob. 31, 1666, and Maij 22, 1667, that ye said Wm Harreise had deserted ye processe, as also that ye said Wm Harreise was by ye Prty forsaid summond to ye Synod Maij 22, 1667, but he being called upon compeird not, wherefore the processe was referd back to ye Prty forsaid ordaining them to proceed against him and to do what in them lay to bring ye processe to a close, In obedience whereto the Prty forsaid had summond ye said Wm Herreis to this present Synod who being calld compeird not as appears by another act of this present session made anent him. They the Bishop and Synod forsaid do think it their duty to bring the said tedious processe to some close, and therefore did revise ye said lybell and ye deposition of ye severall witnesses thereupon and upon mature deliberation do find some of ye articles of ye said lybell to be merely ridiculous and for the rest (although the Prty of Kirkcudburgh forsaid have been at great paines and trouble in examining of witnesses; yet) nothing is proven except *per testem singularem.* Wherefore ye Bishop and Synod thinks fit that ye said Mr William Harvie should receave a grave and sharp Synodical rebuke and accordingly ye Bishop did rebuke him sharply and did earnestly exhort him to walk very circumspectly as became a minister of ye holy Ghospell of Christ; And moreover to testify that they have no thoughts in ye least to cloak or

cover the faults of any of their number, Doe hereby ordaine Mr Alex^r. Irwing minister of Parton to go to ye said Kirk of Bootle upon ye next Lords day but one, and there in ye forenoon give notice of ye diligence of both Prt^y and Synod anent ye processe forsaid, as also to certify them, that if any one would yet insist in ye said processe they should be heard, with certification if they did it not he had order from ye Bishop and Synod to declare ye said Mr William to be unjustly pursued in ye said lybell, and ye Bishop and Synod do hereby ordaine ye said Mr Alex^r. Irwing in ye afternoon after sermon to declare accordingly if none oblige themselves to insist in ye processe.

Act in favours of James Wright.

The Bishop and Synod considering ye hard condition that James Wright shoemaker in Whithern and his wife Christian Malmyne are redacted unto, by and through a fire in ye night which consumed his house, goods, furniture and stock as is made appear to them by his testificates subscribed by ye minister and session of ye Parish of Whithern, and ye Provost and towne Councel there, Doe earnestly recommend them to ye severall ministers and Kirk sessions of ye severall Prt^ys within ye Diocesse of Galloway for charity and supply.

Censure of ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh.

The Prty of Kirkcudburgh were removed upon censure, and at their returne receaved ye good testimony of their bretheren.

The day above said ye Bishop and Synod upon ye report given in by ye visitors do approve ye Prty book of Kirkcudburgh beginning page 29, April 26, 1666, and ending page 40, Octob. 31, 1666.

Censure of ye Prty of Wigtowne.

The Prty of Wigtowne were removed upon censure, and at their returne receaved ye good testimony of their bretheren.

Censure of ye Prty book of Wigtowne.

The day forsaid ye Bishop and Synod upon ye report given in by ye visitors do approve ye Prty booke of Wigtowne, beginning page 52, at Wigtown Maij 24, 1667, and ending page 60, and Wigtown Octob. 16, 1667.

Censure of ye Prty of Stenrauer.

The Prty of Stenrauer were removed upon censure, and at their returne receaved ye good testimony of their bretheren.

Anent ye Prty book of Stenrauer.

The Bishop and Synod admits of the excuse given in by ye Prty of Stenrauer why their booke was not produced but ordaines that it be brought in ye next Synod.

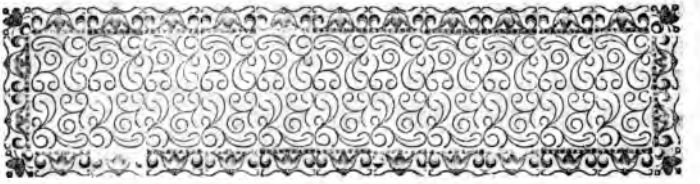
Moderators.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Mr Alexr. Irwing to be moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at Kirkcudburgh, Mr Ja. Colhoun to be moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at Wigtown, and Mr George Henry to be moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at Stenrauer, and these to continue till ye next ensuing Synod.

Next Synod.

The Bishop and Synod appoints their next Synodical meeting to be at Wigtown upon the last Tuesday of April in the ensuing yeer of God one thousand six hundred sixtie and eight.

This last session was ended with prayer to God made by ye Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway, &c.



THE REGISTER OF Y^E SYNOD OF GALLOWAY holden at y^e KIRK of WIGTOWNE, on Tuesday the twentie eight day of April, one thousand six hundred sixtie and eight. And in the twentieth yeer of ye Reigne of Our Soveraigne Lord CHARLES ye 2d., King of Great Brittaine, France, and Ireland, Defender of ye Faith, &c.

At ye Kirk of Wigtowne, Die Martis Aprilis 28, 1668.

The which day sermon being begun and ended by ye Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway, &c.

Sederunt—Y^e members of ye Synod of Galloway then present, viz.—James Lord Bishop of Galloway forsaid, Master James Colhoun minister of Penygham and moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at

Wigtowne, Mr Andrew Symson minister of Kirkinner, Mr Alexr. Cooper minister of Sorbie, Mr Norman M'Kinney minister of Whitherne, Mr Walter M'Gill minister of Wigtown, Mr Robert Fleming minister of Monnygaffe, Mr James Cooper minister of Mochrum, Mr James Leiper minister of Kirkuan, Mr Alexr. Irwing minister of Parton and moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at Kirkcudburgh, Mr James Kirk minister of Balmaghie, Mr George Leith minister of Twynam, Mr Walter Dalgleish minister of Tungland, Mr Robert More minister of Balmaclellan, Mr James Schaw minister of Kirkmabreck, Mr David M'Querne minister of Corsefairne, Mr Wm. Harvie minister of Bootle, Mr Alexr. Mortymer minister of Kirkcudburgh, Mr George Henry minister of Stonniekirk and moderator to ye bretheren of the exercise at Stenrauer, Mr Tho. Irland minister of Kirkolme, Mr James Hutcheson minister of Inch, Mr James M'Gill minister of Kirkmaiden, Mr John Coldwall minister of Portpatrick, and the name of God was invocated by the said Right Reverend Father.

None absent out of ye Prty of Wigtowne.

Absent out of ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh—Mr Robert Steel minister of Kells. *Absent also* Mr Robt. Bous minister of Rerrick who was excusd for his absence, by his letter, being sick.

Absent out of ye Prty of Stenrauer—Mr William Sommervale minister of Stenrauer, who was also excusd for his absence being sick.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Alexr. Cooper, Mr Alexr. Irwing, Mr James Kirk, Mr George Leith, Mr Alexr. Mortymer, Mr George Henry, Mr Tho. Irland and Mr Ja. Hutcheson to meet in ye Bishops chamber at five of ye clock upon the Privie Conference.

Intimation was made that if any had any supplications or any thing to do with ye Synod, they should wait on at ye privie conferenee at five of ye clock.

The Bishop and Synod adjourns their next meeting till to-morrow at eight of the clock.

This Session was ended with prayer to God made by ye Right Reverend James Lord Bishop of Galloway.

At ye Privie Conference, hora 5ta. post merid.

All the above nominate ministers were present.

At ye Kirke of Wigtowne, Die Mer., Aprilis 29, 1668.—Sess. 2a.

Sederunt—James Lord Bishop of Galloway, Master James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Alexr.

Cooper, Mr Norman M'Kinney, Mr Walter M'Gill, Mr Robt. Fleming, Mr James Cooper, Mr James Leiper, Mr George Henry, Mr Tho. Irland, Mr Mr James Hutcheson, Mr James M'Gill, Mr John Coldwell, Mr Alexr. Irwing, Mr James Kirk, Mr George Leith, Mr Walter Dalgleish, Mr Robt. More, Mr James Schaw, Mr David M'Querne, Mr William Harvay, Mr Alexr. Mortymer, as also Mr John Waugh minister of Corsemichael and Mr James Adamson minister of Kelton (which two were this morning ordaind and admitted ministers of ye Kirks of Corsemichael and Kelton respective) and ye name of God was invocated by the Bishop.

Report of ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh anent Pat. Raine.

Reported by ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh that they were observing ye act of ye last Synod anent Patrick Raine, ye Bishop and Synod renews ye former act and ordaines them to proceed.

Renewing of an act of ye last Synod anent Wm. Harreise.

The Bishop and Synod do hereby renew an act of ye last Synod, Intituled *Act anent William Harreise* and ordaines ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh to observe ye samen.

Report of ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh anent Papists.

Reported by ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh that in obedience to former acts of the Synod of Galloway they were offering conference with the Papists but they absolutely refused to confer with them. The Bishop and Synod do therefore hereby renew any former act made against them, and does hereby ordaine the Prty of Kirkcudburgh forsaid to observe ye same as they will be answerable to ye Bishop and Synod.

Report of ye Bishop anent Papists.

Reported by ye Bishop that he gave in ye extract of ye act of ye last Synod, wherein ye severall papists names were contained, unto ye clerk of his Majesties Privie Councell.

The Bishop and Synod recommends to ye Prty of Stenrauer to observe ye act of ye last Synod Anent Quakers.

Act renewing a former act anent Benefices.

The Bishop and Synod do hereby renew an act concluded upon at Kirkcudburgh, April 26, 1666, Intituled *Act anent benefices*, and renewed at Wigtowne ye last Synod, and ordaines ye severall ministers of ye Diocesse, who have been deficient, to observe ye same.

Report of ye Prty of Wigtown anent Wm. Crawford.

Reported by ye Prty of Wigtowne that they had observed ye act of ye last Synod made anent Wm. Crawford and Jennet Clellan and had brought it to a close by taking of his oath all other means being first essayed.

Report of Mr Alexr. Irwing anent Mr William Harvay.

Reported by Mr Alexr. Irwing that conform to an act of ye last Synod anent Mr Wm. Harvay he went to ye Parish Kirk of Bootle.

Act for suspending Mr Wm. Harvay.

Ap. 29, 1668.—*Ses.* 2a.

The which day ye Bishop and Synod calling the Prty of Kirkcudburgh to give in an account of their diligence anent the tryal of these Scandals that are going upon Mr William Harvay minister of Bootle since ye last Synod, at which time a Lybell that was formerly given in by William Harreise of Caigtoune was brought to a close. The Prty forsaid gave in a Paper containing ye declaration of certain persons within ye said parish anent sundry scandals committed by him since ye last Synod, (which declaration ye Prty forsaid had receaved from ye said persons at a visitation held at ye kirk of Bootle the fourteenth day of this instant April) some whereof were confessd

by ye said Mr William as namely his drinking with Caigton (a man q^o^ had given in formerly a most infamous Lybell against ye said Mr William for ye which ye said Caigtoune because he refused to prove ye same was by ye last Synod, ordaind to be processd) upon ye Lords day in ye time of divine service when he himself ought to have been preaching: And moreover ye Bishop and Synod having found that the said Mr William Harvie had granted ye benefit of marriage to a man lying under ye gross scandal of bestiality, and living within ye parish of Kirkpatrick-Durham, (not only without the bounds of ye Prt^y^ of Kirkcudburgh, but also without the bounds of this Diocesse of Galloway) without any testimonial from any minister within the Prt^y^ of Dumfreise within which bounds ye said person dwelt. For the which causes the Bishop and Synod comparing his former lybell (which was brought to some close at ye last Synod) with this his present confession; have suspended and by this their present act Doe Suspend ye said Mr William Harvey from ye exercise of his ministry at ye place forsaid, remitting ye tryall of ye rest of ye gross scandals that are containd in ye forsaid paper to ye search and enquiry of ye Prt^y^ of Kirkcudburgh forsaid that upon probation thereof he may be referrd to further censure, and ordaines Mr James Kirk minister of Balmaghie upon ye next Lords day being the third of Maij, to intimate ye said sentence at ye kirk of Bootle after divine service.

Act ordaining Visitations.

Forasmuch as it is represented to ye Synod by ye Bishop that there are some reports going in ye East country anent ye insufficiency and scandulous carriages of some ministers within this Diocesse of Galloway, Therefore and for ye tryal thereanent ye Bishop and Synod did ordaine and by this their present act doe ordaine the severall presbytries within this Diocesse, with all convenient speed this summer, to go about *pre vices* and hold visitations at ye respective parish kirks within their bounds, and there with all strictnesse, as they will be answerable at ye next Synod, take exact tryal anent ye doctrine and qualification life and conversation of ye several ministers within their bounds respective. And because it is reported (as said is) that some of ye ministers of this Diocesse are insufficient therefore, ye Bishop and Synod do hereby renew an act concluded upon at Wigton, Nov. 1, 1665, Intituled *Act anent a Common-head.*

The day forsaid ye Bishop and Synod taking to their serious consideration the desolate condition of the four parishes of ye Glenkennes as being desolat of a setled ministry, and consequently of all ye ordinances of Jesus Christ and considering that ye inspection of these parishes belongs to them and they ye Bishop and Synod forsaid being desirous that all probable meanes may be used for ye speedie planting and

setling of the forsaid Kirks within these bounds to ye preventing of ye gross ignorance, great profanity and disorders that may accresse through ye want of a setled ministry, and for the exoneration of their consciences in reference to these dutys that they conceave themselves lying under, have thought fit, like as by thir presents do ordaine, letters be writen to some of the principle Gentlemen within ye said parishes viz.,—In the parish of Corsefairne; Gilbert Mc Adam of Waterhead, William Gordon of Dundeoch and Alexr Gordon of Knockgray.—In the parish of Dalry, Robert Stewart of Airdoch, James Logan of Boge and Robert Greer of Millmark.—In the parish of Balmaclellan Wm. Gordon of Schirmers, Gordon of Home and Roger Gordon of Trochquen. In the parish of Kells the Provest of New Galloway, James Chalmers of Waterside and John Greer of Dalton desiring them to meet with some of the ministers of this Diocesse which shall be sent to confer with them anent ye setling of their respective parishes, at the Newtoun of Galloway upon the twentieth day of Maij next in this instant yeer of God One thousand six hundred sixtie and eight, and also ye Bishop and Synod have commissionat like as by this their present act Doe commissionate their well beloved bretheren Mr James Colhoun minister of Penygham, Mr Andrew Symson minister of Kirkinner, Mr Alexander Couper minister of Sorbie and Mr Alexander Irwing minister of Parton to repair to ye

Newton of Galloway upon ye forsaid twentieth day of Maij next to come to meet with the forsaid heritors and gentlemen within the forsaids parishes of Cornefairne, Dalry, Kells and Balmaclellan with power to ye Commissioners forsaid to propone all fair just and christian overtures, for ye speedie planting of their churches as said is, and to hear what rational overtures shall be offered to ye Gentlemen that shall meet for ye ends aforsaid, And the saids Commissionat ministers are hereby appointed to report to ye Bishop and Synod an account of their diligence.

Act renewing former acts.

The Bishop and Synod do hereby renew two former acts concluded upon at Wigtoun Octob. 26, 1664. The one intituled *Act anent ministers examining of their people*, and the other intituled *Act anent absents from ye Prt^y*, and renew ye said act also as it was renewed and enlarged Nov. 1, 1665.

Act anent baptizing of children.

The Bishop and Synod taking to their serious consideration ye great abuse and scandalous practise of many persons within this Diocesse by their willfull withholding of their children from ye Sacrament of baptisme, or at least not brining them to their own parish minister to be baptized, Have ordaind and by these presents Doe require ye severall ministers of this

Diocesse without any partiality whatsoever to summon *primo quoque tempore* to their respective Prtys all such parents as ether have not or in time coming shall not within fourtie days after the birth of their children present them to their own parish minister to be baptized, and ye Prty forsaid are to censure such parents as their fault shall be found to demerit. And in case of disobedience they are to proceed against them as contumacious. And it is hereby recommended to ye several Prtys to see that ye respective ministers within their bounds give exact obedience to this act in so far as concernes them; And public intimation hereof is to be made. *extract and subsc.*

The Bishop and Synod being informed that many profaine and scandalous persons by their removing from place to place think to escape unpunished, and in particular that divers scandalous persons come from ye Kingdome of Irland to these bounds, as also that divers persons go away from hence to Irland and there bring forth children ether in fornication or Adultery and then return hither againe and by that meanes they remaine unpunished for remeid whereof the Bishop and Synod Doe ordain the severall ministers of this Diocesse to make exact inquiry anent all such persons when they take up the names of their parishioners in order to examination and that they admit none into their Congregations untill such time

as they produce sufficient testimonials of their good carriage and christian behaviour in those parts from whence they came. And publick intimation hereof is to be made upon a Lord's day in the respective congregations of this Diocesse.

Censure of ye Prty of Wigtown.

The Bretheren of the Prty of Wigton were removed and at their returne receaved ye good testimony of their bretheren.

Censure of ye Prty of Stenrauer.

The Bretheren of the Prty of Stenrauer were removed and at their returne receaved the good testimony of their bretheren.

Censure of ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh.

The Bretheren of the Prty of Kirkcudburgh were removed and at their returne receaved ye good testimony of their bretheren, but it is recommended to them to observe an act of Synod concluded upon at Wigton Nov. 1, 1665, Intituled *Act anent a Common-head.*

The severall Prtys are hereby ordaind to have their bookes in readinesse against the next Synod.

Moderators.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Mr Alexr. Irwing minister of Parton to be moderator to ye bretheren of the exercise at Kirkcudburgh, Mr James Colhoun minister of Pennygham to be moderator to ye brethern of the exercise at Wigton; and Mr George Henry minister of Stoniekirk to be moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at Stenrauer, and these to continue till ye next ensuing Synod.

Next Synod.

The Bishop and Synod appoints their next Synodicall meeting to be at Wigton, upon the last Tuesday of October next in this instant yeer of God one thousand six hundred sixtie and eight.

This last session was ended with prayer made to God by the Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway &c.

THE REGISTER OF YE SYNOD of GALLOWAY holden at ye KIRK of WIGTON, on Tuesday the twentie and seaventh day of October, One thousand six hundred sixtie and eight. And in the twentieth yeer of ye Reigne of Our Soveraigne Lord CHARLES ye 2d. King of Great Britaine, France, and Irland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

At ye Kirk of Wigton, Dei Martis, Octobris 27, 1668.

The which day Sermon being begun and ended by Mr Walter M'Gill minister of Wigtown by ye appointment of his Ordinary.

Sederunt—The members of ye Synod of Galloway then present, viz.—James Lord Bishop of Galloway, &c., Master James Colhoun minister of Penygham and moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at Wig-

ton, Mr Andrew Symson minister of Kirkinner, Mr Walter M'Gill minister of Wigton, Mr Norman M'Kinney minister of Whitherne, Mr Robt. Fleming minister of Monnygaffe, Master James Cooper minister of Mochrum, Mr Alexr. Cooper minister of Sorbie, Mr James Leiper minister of Kirkuan, Mr James Bailie minister of Glassertowne, Mr Alexr. Irwing minister of Parton and moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at Kirkcudburgh, Mr James Kirk minister of Balmaghie, Mr David M'Querne minister of Kirkmabreck, Mr Robt. More minister of Girton, Mr James Schaw minister of Anwith, Mr Robt. Steel minister of Kells, Mr Robt. Bous minister of Reddick, Mr Alexr. Mortymer minister of Kirkcudburgh, Mr John Waugh minister of Corsemichael, Mr James Adamson minister of Kelton, Master George Henry minister of Stoniekirk and moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at Stenrauer, Mr Thomas Irland minister of Kirkolme, Mr James Hutcheson minister of Inch, Mr James M'Gill minister of Kirkmaiden, Mr John Coldwell minister of Portpatrick, Mr John Arbuickle minister of Stenrauer, and ye name of God was invocated by ye Right Reverend ye Bishop of Galloway.

None absent out of ye Prty of Wigtowne.

Absent out of ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh—Mr George Leith minister of Twynam and Mr John Row minister of Balmaclellan.

Absent out of ye Prty of Stenrauer—Mr Wm. Sommerwell minister of Laswalt.

Mr Robt. Steel minister of Kells having consigned his dolar in the Bishops hand offerd to give in his excuse for his absence from ye last Synod. The Bishop and Synod ordains him to wait upon the conference and give it in there.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Mr Alexr. Irwing, Mr Alexr. Mortymer, Mr Robt. Bous, Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr James Cooper, Mr Alexr. Cooper, Mr George Henry, Mr Thomas Irland and Mr James Hutcheson, to meet in ye Bishops chamber at six a clock upon the Privie Conference.

Publick intimation was made that if any body had any appeals, references, bills, supplications or petitions or any businesse to doe with ye Synod that they should wait on at ye Privie Conference.

The appointing of visitors for ye Prty bookes is delayed till the Privie Conference.

The Bishop and Synod adjournes their Synodicall meeting till to-morrow at ten a clock in the forenoone.

This session was closed with prayer to God made by ye Right Reverend the Bishop of Galloway forsaid.

At the Privie Conference, hora 6ta.

All The above mentioned ministers were present.

The Prty book of Wigton is to be delivered to Mr John Coldwell and Mr John Arbuickle, who are to visit ye same and to report to ye Synod thereanent.

The Prty booke of Kirkcudburgh is to be delivered to Mr Norman M'Kinney and who are to visit ye same and to report to ye Synod thereanent.

The Prty booke of Stenrauer is to be delivered to Mr James Kirk and Mr James Schaw, who are to visit ye same and to report to ye Synod thereanent.

At ye Kirk of Wigton, Die Mercurij, Octob. 28, 1668 —*Sess.* 2a.

The which day *Sederunt* James Lord Bishop of Galloway, Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Walter M'Gill, Mr Norman M'Kinney, Mr Robt Fleming, Mr James Cooper, Mr Alexr. Cooper, Mr James Leiper, Mr James Bayly, Master Alexr. Irwing, Mr James Kirk, Mr David M'Querne, Mr Robt More, Mr James Schaw, Mr Robt. Steel, Mr Alexr Mortymer, Mr John Waugh, Mr James Adamson, Mr George Henry, Mr Thomas Irland, Mr James Hutcheson, Mr James M'Gill, Mr John Coldwell, Mr William Sommervale, Mr John Arbuickle, and ye name of God was invocated by the Bishop.

Mr William Sommervale is excused for his absence ye last session.

Absent this session.—Mr Robt. Bous but excused for ye same.

Renewing of a former act anent Patrick Raine.

The Bishop and Synod doth hereby renew all former acts made anent Patrick Rain in Twynam and ordaines the Prt^y of Kirkcudburgh to observe the samen.

Act renewing of a former act anent William Herreise.

The Prt^y of Kirkcudburgh are hereby ordaind to proceed against Wm. Herreise of Caigton conform to an act made anent him at Wigton Octob. 30, 1667, intituled *Act anent William Herreise.*

Report of ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh anent Papists.

Reported by ye Prt^y of Kirkcudburgh that little thing had been don by them in reference to ye papists and that in regard the parish of Bootle wherein the greatest part of them dwelt was destitute of a minister and Mr George Leith minister of Twynam (in whose parish allso some of them dwell) having been sick. The Bishop and Synod do hereby renew all former acts made against Papists and do ordaine the Prt^y of Kirkcudburgh to observe ye same.

Report of ye Prty of Stenrauer anent Quakers.

Reported by ye Prty of Stenrauer that they had onely one Quaker within their bounds called

and they had conferrd with her but she could not be wrought upon. The Prty are ordaind to proceed against her conforme to an act of Synod anent Quakers made at Wigton Octob. 30, 1667.

Report anent Mr William Harvay.

Reported by ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh that Mr Wm. Harvays suspension was intimated conforme to ye act of ye last Synod, as also that in obedience to ye said act they had held two or three visitations at ye Kirk of Bootle for farther tryal of the rest of the Articles against him which had not been formerly proven, and some of them being proven he the said Mr Wm. Harvay fearing farther censure willfully deserted his place at Bootle and went out of ye Kingdome, whereof initmation being made to ye Bishop, his Lordship considering upon ye scandals proven together with his willfull desertion had writen to them to declare the said Kirk of Bootle vacant which was don accordingly.

Report of ye severall Prtys anent the Visitations.

Reported by the Presbytries of Stenrauer and Wigton that in obedience to an act of ye last Synod

they had visited the severall Kirks within their bounds respective. Reported by the Prty of Kirkcudburgh that the number of their parishes being great and the bounds vast and wide they had not gon through all their Kirks but they had held visitations at severall of them. They are to proceed.

Report of ye Commissionars sent to ye Glenkenns.

Reported by Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Alexr. Cooper and Mr Alexr. Irwing that in obedience to an act of ye last Synod they went to ye Newton of Galloway upon the twentieth day of Maij last in pursuance of those ends contained in ye said Act, but although they staied there a considerable time yet none of the Gentlemen that were written to and desired to be present came except one of them [Schirmers] so that nothing was don in that matter.

Anent the Sacrament ye Lords Supper.

It is hereby recommended to ye severall ministers of this Diocesse, that can conveniently, to celebrate ye Sacrament of ye Lords Supper betwixt the next Synod.

This day ye Bishop and Synod taking to their consideration the excuse given in by Mr Robert Steel minister of the Kells for his absence from the last

Synod, did judge the same not relevant and therefore his dolar which he had consigned was given to a poor scholar called James Muir. And forasmuch as the Bishop and Synod are informed by ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh that the said Master Robert Steel doth very seldome keep any of their Presbyteriall meetings, as also that although he be minister of ye Kells yet he never useth to preach in the parish kirk but in the tolbuith. Therefore the Bishop and Synod having first spoken to ye said Mr Robert thereanent did ordaine him to be more observant in keeping of the meetings of the Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh, and also in time comeing to preach in the Kirk of ye Kells being ye place apointed for the publick exercise of Gods worship in that parish.

The Bishop and Synod considering ye information of ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh, anent the place of their presbyterial meeting, making mention that the toune of Kirkcudburgh is an unfit place not only because they cannot get the bells rung to their Presbyteriall exercises, but also because it doth not ly conveniently for the major part of the Prty (who dwell at a great distance) to meet in, Doe hereby appoint their Presbytriall meetings to be keeped at the kirke of Tungland.

The Bishop and Synod taking to their serious consideration the desolate condition of the two parishes

of Dalry and Corsefairne how that they are destitute of the word and sacraments having been vacant for a long time, and although their desires and intentions for planting these kirks were frustrat by and through the backwardnesse of those who refused to meet and conferre with such of the ministers of this Diocesse as were appointed to meet at Newton upon the twentieth of Maij last, yet, Doe in discharge of that duty which they conceave is lying on them appoint Mr James Hutchesone minister of the Inch to preach in the kirk of Dalry upon the day of November next to come, and Mr Thomas Irland minister of Kirkolme, at ye kirk of Corsefairne upon the said day of November. Likeas they appoint Master Alexander Cooper minister of Sorbie to preach at Dalry upon the 5th day of December next, and Mr James Colhoun minister of Penygham at the kirk of Corsefairn upon the said day. As also they appoint Mr James Schaw minister of Anwith and Mr Alex^r Irwing minister of Parton to supply the said kirks of Corsefairn and Dalry upon the 19 day of December next to come.

Censure of ye Prty of Stenrauer.

The Presbytry of Stenrauer were removed and upon their returne receaved the good testimony of their bretheren.

Censure of ye Prty book of Stenrauer.

The day forsaid the Bishop and Synod considering the report given in by ye visitors Doe approve ye Prty book of Stenrauer beginning Maij 24, 1667, and ending at Inch, April 1, 1668.

Censure of ye Prty of Wigton.

The Prty of Wigton were removed and upon their returne receaved ye good testimony of their bretheren.

Censure of ye Prty book of Wigton.

The Bishop and Synod considering the report given in by ye visitors appointed to visit ye Prty book of Wigton, beginning at Wigton, November 20, 1667, and ending at the kirk of Penygham, April 22, 1668, Doe approve of the same.

Censure of ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh.

The Bretheren of the Prty of Kirkcudburgh were removed and upon their returne receaved ye good testimony of their bretheren.

Anent the Prty book of Kirkcudburgh.

Reported by ye visitors appointed to visit ye Prty book of Kirkcudburgh that they had recaved only some minutes from the Prty of Kirkcudburgh. The

Bishop and Synod therefore ordaind the said Prty of Kirkcudburgh to have their book in readiness against the next Synod.

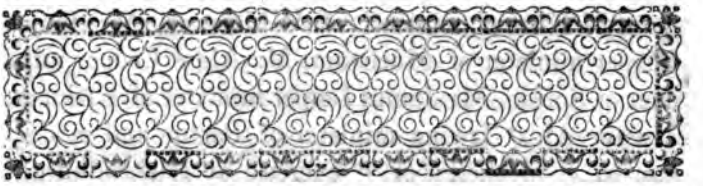
Moderators.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Mr Alexr. Irwing, minister of Parton to be moderator to the bretheren of the exercise at Kirkcudburgh, Mr James Colhoun minister of Penygham to be moderator to the bretheren of the exercise at Wigton, and Mr George Henry minister of Stoniekirk to be moderator to the bretheren of the exercise at Stenrauer, and these to continue till ye next ensuing Synod.

Next Synod.

The Bishop and Synod appoints their next Synodicall meeting to be at Kirkcudburgh upon the last Wednesday of April, in the ensuing yeer of God one thousand six hundred sixtie and nine yeers.

This last Session was ended with prayer to God made by the Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway, &c.



THE REGISTER OF Y^E SYNOD of GALLOWAY holden in y^e KIRKE of KIRKCUDBURGH, upon Wednesday y^e twentie eight day of April, One thousand six hundred sixtie and nine: And in the One and twentieth year of ye Reigne of Our Soveraigne Lord CHARLES ye 2d King of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

At Kirkcudburgh, Die Mercurij, Aprilis 28, 1669.

The which day Sermon [Jerem: 3. c. 15—21] being begun and ended by Mr James Hutcheson minister of Inch by ye appointment of his Ordinarie.

Sederunt—The members of ye Synod of Galloway then present, viz.—James Lord Bishop of Galloway &c., Master James Colhoun minister of Penygham and moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise of Wig-

towne, Mr Andrew Symson minister of Kirkinner, Mr Walter M'Gill minister of Wigtowne, Mr Norman M'Kinney minister of Whitherne, Mr James Cooper minister of Mochrum, Mr Alexr. Cooper minister of Sorbie, Mr James Leiper minister of Kirkuan, Master Alexr. Irwing minister of Parton and moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at Kirkcudburgh, Mr James Kirk minister of Balmaghie, Mr George Leith minister of Twynam, Mr Robt. Steel minister Kells, Mr Robt. More minister of Girton, Mr James Schaw minister of Anwith, Mr Robt. Bows minister of Reddick, Mr Alexr. Mortymer minister of Kirkcudburgh, Mr John Waugh minister of Corsemichael, Mr James Adamson minister of Kelton, Mr John Row minister of Balmaclellan, Mr George Henry minister of Stonniekirk and moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at Stenrauer, Mr Thomas Irland minister of Kirkolme, Mr James Hutcheson minister of Inch, Mr James M'Gill minister of Kirkmaiden, Mr John Caldwell minister of Portpatrick, Mr William Sommervel minister of Laswalt, and Mr John Arbuickle minister of Stenrauer, and ye name of God was invocate by ye Right Reverend Father James Bishop of Galloway forsaid.

Absent out of ye Prtu of Wigton—Mr James Bailie minister of Glassertoune.

Absent out of ye Prtu of Kirkcudburgh—Mr David M'Querne minister of Kirkmabreck.

None absent out of ye Prty of Stenrauer.

The Bishop and Synod admits of ye excuses given in by Mr George Leith and Mr John Row for their absence from ye last Synod being sick.

The Bishop and Synod appoints ye Prty book of Kirkcudburgh to be delivered to Mr Walter M'Gill and Mr James Cooper, who are to visit ye same and to report to ye Synod thereanent.

The Bishop and Synod appoints ye Prty book of Wigton to be delivered to Mr Robt. Bows and Mr John Waugh, who are to visit ye same and to report to ye Synod thereanent,

The Bishop and Synod appoints ye Prty book of Stenrauer to be delivered to Mr James Schaw and Mr James Leiper who are to visit ye same and to report to ye Synod thereanent.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr James Cooper, Mr Alexr. Cooper, Mr Alexr. Irwing Mr James Kirk, Mr Robert Bows, Mr Alexr. Mortimer, Mr George Henry, Mr James Hutcheson and Mr Thos. Ireland to meet in ye Bishops Chamber at three of the clock in ye afternoone upon the privie conference, And publick Intimation was made at ye Kirk door, that if there were any appeales, references, bills, supplications or

petitions to ye Synod that they should come with them to the Privie Conference.

The Bishop and Synod adjournes their next Synodicall meeting till betwixt five and six of ye clock in the afternoone.

This Session was closed with prayer to God by ye Right Reverend James Lord Bishop of Galloway.

At the Privie Conference, hora 3^a.

All the above nominate ministers were present.

At ye Kirke of Kirkcudburgh, Die Mercurij, Aprilis 28, 1669.—*Sess.* 2^a. *post meridiem.*

The said day *Sederunt*—James Lord Bishop of Galloway, Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Walter M'Gill, Master James Cooper, Mr Alex^r Cooper, Mr James Leiper, Mr Alex^r. Irwing, Mr James Kirk, Mr Robt. More, Mr James Schaw, Mr Robt. Bous, Mr Alex^r. Mortymer, Mr John Waugh, Mr James Adamson, Mr John Row, Mr George Henry, Mr Tho. Irland, Mr James Hutcheson, Mr James M'Gill, Mr John Coldwell, Mr Wm. Sommervale, Mr John Arbuickle and ye name of God was invocated by the Bishop.

Absent this Session that were present ye former Mr Norman M'Kinney, Mr George Leith, Mr Robt Steil.

Report of ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh anent Patrick Raine.

Reported by ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh anent Patrick Raine that they were observeing ye act of ye Synod made anent him but they had not brought it to a close by reason of ye ministers sicknesse. The Bishop and Synod do renew ye former act and refers it to ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh forsaid to bring that processe to a close.

The Prty of Kirkcudburgh being interrogate anent the Papists reported that anent the conferring with them, it was impossible there being so great a multitude of them, and that their number was greatly encreased within this twelve month; however the Bishop and Synod to renew and ratify all former acts of Synod made against Papists and do recommend with all earnestnesse to ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh to endeavour to observe ye samen and that they take tryal anent such as are suspect of Popery conveening them before them and offering them conference for their reclaiming. And the Prty forsaid is hereby ordaind to proceed impartialy against such as are professed Papists and refuse conference and satisfaction and ye Prty forsaid is to give an account of their dilligence against the next meeting under hazzard of their cen-

sure. And moreover ye Synod taking to their serious consideration the great growth of Popery through the trafficing of Preists and Jesuites do earnestly recommend to their Ordinary that his Lordship would represent the same to ye Lords of his Majesties Privie Councell, and that the laws may be execute against such as are already excommunicate.

Report of ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh anent their Visitations.

The Prty of Kirkcudburgh reported that by reason of the greatnesse of their bounds and unseasonablenesse of the weather they had not as yet throughly visited their whole bounds they are ordaind to proceed, and also the Bishop and Synod Doe hereby ordaine Visitations *de novo* to be keept through the whole Diocesse by the respective Presbytries of the same.

Report of ye severall ministers appointed by ye last Synod to preach at ye Kirks of Dalry and Corsefairne.

Reported by Mr James Hutcheson that he could not keep the diet appointed the last Synod by reason of the greatness of the waters. Reported by Mr Thomas Irland that he was lying very sick of a feaver. Reported by Mr Alexr. Cooper that he went not, being unwell. Reported by Mr James Colhoun that he went to Corsefairn according to appointment

but he got not an auditory. Reported by Mr Alexr. Irwing that he was going but

Reported by Mr James Schaw that he went not conceaving he would get no auditory. The Bishop and Synod appoints the Prty of Kirkcudburgh to supply those two vacant Kirks of Dalry and Corsefairne and Mr James Schaw is appointed to preach first. And the Synod doth hereby earnestly desire the Bishop to plant them.

Act anent the Communion.

It is hereby recommended to ye severall ministers of this Diocesse that they use all diligence to celebrate the Sacrament of ye Lords Supper this ensuing summer.

This day ye Bishop produced an act of his Majesties Privie Councell of the date at Edr. the
granting warrant for Collecting of a voluntary Contribution to be collected forth of the severall Congregations on this side of Forth for building of a stone bridge over the water of Luce as the said act of the date forsaid doth at more length bear. In pursuance whereof the Bishop and Synod doth recommend it to ye severall Presbyteries within this Diocesse to take the most expedient course for the collecting and ingathering of the same against ye next Synod.

Recommendation in favours of James Muir.

The Bishop and Synod doth hereby recommend to the severall ministers of this Diocesse to give each of them twelve shilling Scots to a poor Scholar called James Muir.

Recommendation in favours of Roger M'Croskraij.

The Bishop and Synod considering the supplication of Roger M'Croskraij merchant burgess of Wigton Do recommend him for supply to such Kirks of this Diocesse as have not already given him.

The Bishop and Synod adjourns their next Synodical meeting till to morrow at half an hour past nine in the morning.

This Diet was ended with prayer to God made by the Right Reverend James Lord Bishop of Galloway, &c.

At ye Kirk of Kirkcudburgh, Dei Jovis, Aprilis 29, 1669.—*Sess.* 3^a. *antemerid.*

The said Day *Sederunt* James Lord Bishop of Galloway, Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Walter M'Gill, Mr Norman M'Kinney, Mr Alex^r Cooper, Mr James Cooper, Mr James Leiper, Alex^r. Irwin, Mr James Kirk, Mr George Leith, Mr

Mr James Schaw, Mr Robt. Bowis, Mr Alexr. Mortymer, Mr John Waugh, Mr James Adamson, Mr John Row, Mr Robert Steil, Mr John Logan (who was this morning ordained and admitted minister of Bootle), Mr George Henry, Mr Thomas Irland, Mr James Hutcheson, Mr John Coldwell, Mr William Sommervale, Mr John Arbuickle and the name of God was invocated by ye Bishop.

None absent this session that were present the last except Mr Robt. Moir minister of Girton.

The Bishop and Synod admits of the excuses given in by Mr Norman M'Kinney, Mr George Leith and Mr Robt. Steel, for their absence from ya last session yesterday.

The Bishop and Synod taking to their serious consideration a supplication writen subsd and given in by Mr Robt. Steel minister of Kells wherein for several reasons therein expressd he desired to be liberate from his charge of the ministry at the Kells, Doe think fit that his supplication and desire be granted him and the Synod do hereby recommend it to their Ordinary to grant a demission to the said Mr Robt Steel from ye Kirk of the Kells forsaid.

The Bishop and Synod having heard that within ye Prty of Stenrauer there are severall disorders as some baptizing their children by outed ministers con-

trary to an act of Councell and a particular act of this Synod made thereanent, And hearing also that it hath been ye studie of some Gentlemen within that bounds to breake ye discipline of the church especialy within ye parish of Kirkmaiden, obstructing as far as they could, church censure against known delinquents illegally opposing the minister and weakning his hands in order to ye exercise of discipline in that part Doe by thir presents enact, and ordain the Prty of Stenrauer to begin their visitations at ye Church of Kirkmaiden forsaid, and there cite before them such persons as are guilty of ye forsaid misdemeanors and disorders, and proceed against them according to the order to this Church; and if they get no satisfaction, it is thought fit that the whole businesse be represented to ye Lords of his Majesties privie Counceil.

The Bishop and Synod being informed that there is much wickednesse committed by Charmers and Necromancers, and by peoples going to and consulting with them and particularly that it is generally reported that there is a charmer or neccromancer within ye bounds of ye Prty of Wigton who hath committed much wicknednesse that way within ye Presbytries of Wigton and Stenrauer, Doe appoint ye Presbytries of Wigton and Stenrauer forsaid to use all dilligence for the punishing of the same and for that effect ordains ye Prty of Stenrauer to meet with the Prty of Wigton at ye Kirk of Kirkuan as

also the Prty of Wigton to meet with the Prty of Stenrauer at the Kirk of Glenlusse and recommends to them to take exact notice of all such persons as shall be guilty of the forsaid crimes and to censure them as they shall think expedient. And it [is] hereby recommended to ye severall ministers of this Diocesse to use all meanes for the extirpating of such crimes and in particular publickly in their Congregations to testify against such sinnes and to warne their people not to make use of any charmes or charmers as they would not incurre the wrath and displeasure of Allmighty God.

The Bishop and Synod appoints ye severall Presbytries to write or speake to ye late ministers who keep Conventicles and baptize children of other mens Congregations, that they would desist from so doing or else application is to be made to the Lords of his Majesties privie Councell thereanent.

The Bishop and Synod being informed anent some difference fallen out betwixt some of the parishioners of Parton and their Minister, Do appoint the Prty of Kirkcudburgh to keep their next visitation at ye Kirk of Parton and if need be Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Alexander Cooper is to meet with them upon advertisement.

Censure of ye Prty of Stenrauer.

The Prty of Stenrauer were removed upon censure and being called in receaved ye good testimony of their bretheren.

Censure of ye Prty book of Stenrauer.

The day forsaid ye Bishop and Synod considering the report given in by ye visitors appointed to visit ye Prty book of Stenrauer Doe approve the said book beginning at Stoniekirk, April 2, 1668, and ending at Stenrauer April 14, 1669.

Censure of ye Prty of Wigton.

The Prty of Wigton were removed upon censure and being called in receaved ye good testimony of their bretheren.

Censure of ye Prty book of Wigton.

The Bishop and Synod considering ye report given in by ye visitors appointed to visit ye Prty book of Wigton Doe approve the said book beginning page 67, At Wigton April 29, 1668 and ending page 78 At Wigton October 14, 1668.

Censure of ye Prt book of Kirkcudburgh.

The Bishop and Synod considering ye Report given in by ye visitors appointed to visit ye Prty book

of Kirkcudburgh Doe ordain the Prty of Kirkcudburgh forsaid to revise their book, mend their informalities and change their Clerke

The Bishop and Synod appoints the Prty of Kirkcudburgh to meet shortly at the Newton of Galloway for the tryal of some grosse scandals of adultery and incest within the vacant parishes of Dalry and Corsefairne.

The absents from this Synod are to be summond to the next Synod.

Moderators.

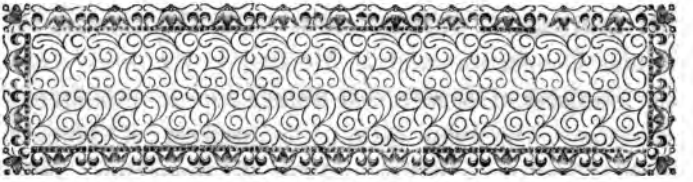
The Bishop and Synod appoints Mr Alexr. Irwing minister of Parton to be moderator to the bretheren of the exercise at Kirkcudburgh, Mr James Colhoun minister of Penygham to be moderator to the bretheren of the exercise at Wigton and Mr George Henry minister of Stoniekirk to be moderator to the bretheren of the exercise at Stenrauer and these to continue till the next ensuing Synod.

Next Synod.

The Bishop and Synod appoints their next Synodicall meeting to be at Wigton upon the last tuesday of October in this instant year of God One thousand six hundred sixtie and nine.

This last Session was ended with prayer to God made by the Right Reverend Father in God, James Lord Bishop of Galloway &c.

The Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway by his letter dated at Broomhill September 8, 1669 did signify that there was a necessity of keeping ye Synod before the downe sitting of the Parliament and therefore did intreat that the severall members of the Synod would meet in Synod with him at Wigton upon the first tuesday of October 1669 years being the fifth day of the said month of October.



THE REGISTER OF Y^E SYNOD OF GALLOWAY holden at the KIRK of WIGTON, on Tuesday the fifth day of October, one thousand six hundred sixtie and nine. And in the one and twentieth year of ye Reigne of Our Soveraigne Lord CHARLES ye 2d., King of Great Brittaine, France, and Ireland, Defender of ye Faith, &c.

At ye Kirk of Wigton, Die Martis, Octob. 5, 1669.

The which day Sermon [Rom. 12, 1.] being begun and ended by ye Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway &c.

Sederunt—The members of the Synod of Galloway then present, viz.—James Lord Bishop of Galloway forsaid, Master James Colhoun minister of Penygham and moderator to y^e bretheren of the ex-

ercise at Wigton, Mr Andrew Symson minister of Kirkinner, Mr Walter M'Gill minister of Wigton, Mr Norman M'Kinney minister of Whitherne, Mr James Cooper minister of Mochrum, Mr Alex$^{r.}$ Cooper minister of Sorbie, Mr James Leiper minister of Kirkuan, Mr John Arbuickle minister of Monnygaffe, Mr James Bayly minister of Glasserton, Master Alex$^{r.}$ Irwing minister of Parton and moderator to y^{e} bretheren of y^{e} exercise at Kirkcudburgh, Mr James Schaw minister of Anwith, Mr Rob$^{t.}$ Bows minister of Reddick, Mr Alex$^{r.}$ Mortymer minister of Kirkcudburgh, Mr James Adamson minister of Kelton, Mr James Murray minister of Borge, Mr Rob$^{t.}$ Burrell minister of Tungland, Master George Henry minister of Stoniekirk and moderator to y^{e} bretheren of the exercise at Stenrauer, Mr James Hutcheson minister of Inch, Mr Thomas Irland minister of Kirkolme, Mr William Sommervell minister of Lochswalt, and the name of God was invocated by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Galloway &c.

None absent out of ye Prt^{y} of Wigton.

Absent out of ye Prt^{y} of Stenrauer—Mr James M'Gill minister of Kirkmaiden, Mr John Coldwell minister of Portpatrick and Mr Tho: Nasmith min^{r} of Stenrauer.

Absent out of ye Prt^{y} of Kirkcudburgh—Mr James Kirk minister of Balmaghie, Mr George Leith

minister of Twynam, Mr Robert More minister of Girton, Mr David M'Querne minister of Kirkmabreck, Mr John Row minister of Balmaclellan, Mr John Waugh minister of Corsemichael, Mr John Logan minister of Bootle, Mr Thomas Caudon minister of Corsefairne.

Mr James M'Gill sent a letter of excuse signifying that he was sick.

Mr James Kirk and Mr Robert Moir sent each of them a letter of excuse for their absence but they are

Mr James Bayly is excusd for his absence from ye last Synod.

The Bishop and Synod appoints ye Prty book of Stenrauer to be delivered to Mr James Leiper and Mr James Cooper who are hereby ordained to visit ye same and to report to ye Synod thereanent

The Bishop and Synod appoints the Prty book of Wigton to be delivered to Mr William Sommervale and Mr Robert Burrell who are hereby ordaind to visit ye same and to report to ye Synod thereanent.

The excuse given in by ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh why their book was not given in is delayd.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Mr Alexander Irwing, Mr Alexander Mortymer, Mr Robert Bowis, Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Alexander Cooper, Mr George Henry, Mr Thomas Irland and Mr James Hutchesone to meet in the Bishops chamber at five a clock at night upon the privie conference.

Publick intimation was made at ye Kirk door that f there were any appeales, references, bills, supplications or petitions to ye Synod they should be brought to ye privie conference in the Bishops chamber at five a clock.

The Bishop and Synod adjourns their next Synodicall meeting till to-morrow morning at eight of the clock.

This Session was ended with prayer to God made by ye Right Reverend ye Bishop of Galloway &c.

At ye Privie Conference, hora 5ta.

All the above nominate ministers were present except Mr Alexander Irwing who was very unwell.

At the Kirk of Wigton, Die Merc: Octob. 6, 1669. *antemer. Sess.* 2^a^.

The said day *Sederunt* James Lord Bishop of Galloway, Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson,

Mr Walter M'Gill, Mr Norman M'Kinney, Mr James Cooper, Mr Alexr Cooper, Mr James Leiper, Mr John Arbuickle, Mr James Bayly, Mr Alexr Irwing, Mr James Schaw, Mr Robt. Bowis, Mr Alexr Mortymer, Mr James Adamson, Mr George Henry, Mr Thomas Ireland, Mr James Hutcheson, Mr William Sommervale, Mr John Coldwell, and the name of God was invocated by the Right Reverend ye Bishop of Galloway.

Absent this session that were present the last—Mr Robt. Burrell minister of Tungland, and Mr James Murray minister of Borge.

The Bishop and Synod admits of the excuse given in by Mr John Coldwell for his absence from the last session.

Act constituting a Committee of ye Synod to meet anent Mr David M'Querne.

Octob. 6, 1669.—*Sess.* 2a.

The day forsaid the Bishop and Synod takeing to their serious consideration that whereas by an act of the date at Kirkmabreck the day of August last Mr David M'Querne minister of Kirkmabreck for certaine Scandals contained in a lybell pursued by severall of his Parishoners was suspended from the exercise of his ministry there, and was summond *apud*

acta to ye next ensuing Synod (which conform to an act of the last Synod was appointed to be holden at Wigton the last Tuesday of October instant) to receave a further censure, as his scandals should be found to demerit, and this present Synod for serious and weighty causes being now conveened sooner than the ordinary time and the Bishop and Synod finding that the said Mr David is absent as also that he hath not been formally cited to compeir to this present Synod, as also that the clerk of ye Prt^y of Kirkcudburgh is absent So that the Synod neither hath nor can have at present a sight of the said lybell together with his replyes thereto and depositions of witnesses thereanent. Whereupon they the Bishop and Synod forsaid hath thought fit that their shall be a committee of ye Synod nominated and appointed to with ye Prt^y of Kirkcudburgh for ye expeding of joyn that processe. Like as the Bishop and Synod hath ordaind and by this their present act do Ordaine Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Walter M'Gill, Mr Norman M'Kinney, Mr Alex^r Cooper, Mr George Henry, Mr Thomas Ireland, and Mr James Hutcheson together with the severall ministers of the Prt^y of Kirkcudburgh to meet at the Kirk of Monnygaffe upon the last Tuesday of this instant October (being the Ordinary day of the Synod) with full power to them to call before them Mr David M'Querne forsaid together with his accusers and subscribers of his Lybell, and there to consider and exa-

mine ye whole processe deduced against the said Mr David at the severall foregoing diets, and if any other thing shall be added by the Lybellers to give warrant for citation of witnesses and as they shall see cause to prorogate day after day at the forsaid place and as they shall find the Scandals proven to report to ye Bishop that so just censure may be inflicted upon the said Mr David, and the Bishop and Synod do hereby appoint the Moderator of the Prt^y of Kirkcudburgh to moderate on that diet or any other subsequent diets which they shall think fit to appoint and in his absence Mr James Colhoun minister of Penygham, and Moreover the Bishop and Synod do hereby ordain Mr James Schaw minister of Anwith to preach at the Kirk of Kirkmabreck on the Lords day immediately preceeding the said last Tuesday of October, and to make intimation to the parish and Congregation of Kirkmabreck of the time and place of the Committees meeting, and it is also recommended to ye Prt^y of Kirkcudburgh to supply the said Kirk of Kirkmabreck *per vices* as their conveniency shall serve.

The Bishop and Synod do hereby appoint Mr James Colhoun, Mr Norman M'Kinney and Mr Alex^r. Cooper to revise the processe of Mr Alex^r. Irwing minister of Parton and to report to the Synod at their next session.

The Bishop and Synod adjourns their next Synodicall meeting till the afternoone.

This Session was ended with prayer to God made by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Galloway.

*At the Kirk of Wigton, Dei Merc: Octob.*6, 1669.
Sess. 3a. *Pomerid.*

The said day *Sederunt* James Lord Bishop of Galloway, Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Walter M'Gill, Mr Norman M'Kinney, Mr James Cooper, Mr Alexr. Cooper, Mr James Leiper, Mr James Bayly, Mr John Arbuickle, Master Alexander Irwing, Mr James Schaw, Mr Robert Bowis, Mr Alexr. Mortymer, Mr James Adamson, Mr Robt. Burrell, Mr James Murray, Mr George Henry, Mr Thomas Irland, Mr James Hutcheson, Mr John Coldwell, and Mr William Sommervale, and the name of God was invocated by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Galloway.

The Bishop and Synod admits of the excuses given in by Mr Robt. Burrell and Mr James Murray for their absence from the last Session.

Renewing of an act of ye last Synod anent Patrick.

The Bishop and Synod do hereby renew a former act of ye last Synod anent Patrick Raine and recom-

mends it to ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh to bring that processe to a close.

The Prty of Kirkcudburgh being interrogate what they had don in reference to William Herreise of Caigton, answered that as yet they had not don an

The Bishop and Synod do hereby renew all former acts made anent Papists and do seriously recommend it to the Presbytry of Kirkcudburgh to observe ye same.

The Bishop and Synod do hereby renew an act of ye last Synod ordaining the severall ministers to give in to the Bishop in writing conc

Report of the severall Presbytries anent their Visitations.

The Presbytry of Wigton reported that since the last Synod they had held Visitations at all the Parish Kirks within their bounds except two. The Prty of Stenrauer gave in the same report. The Prty of Kirkcudburgh reported that (their Kirks being many and far distant) they have not gon through them all but they are doing.

Mr James Schaw hath not preached in ye Glenkens, neither hath ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh met at ye Newtoun of Galloway as they were appointed the last Synod, because there are already ministers preaching

at Dalry and the Kells who pretend a warrant from the Councell for so doing.

The Bishop and Synod do hereby renew any former acts made for celebrating the Sacrament of the Lords Supper and do earnestly recommend it to ye severall ministers of this Diocesse to observe ye same.

The Bishop and Synod do hereby renew an act of ye last Synod anent a Collection for building of a Brig at Glenlusse and recommends it to ye severall Presbytries to take ye most expedient course for ye Collecting and ingathering of the same.

The Bishop and Synod do hereby seriously recommend James Muir a poor scholar to the severall Presbytries of this Diocesse for supply.

The Bishop and Synod do hereby renew an act of the last Synod anent Necromancers and charmers and particularly do seriously recommend it to the Presbytries of Wigtown and Stenrauer to observe the same.

The Bishop of Galloway reported that conform to ye recommendation of the last Synod he had demitted Mr Robt Steel from ye Kells.

Reported by ye Prty of Stenrauer that the act made ye last Synod anent the Kirk of Kirkmaiden was obeyed.

Reported this day to ye Synod that the Conventicle ministers had been spoken to but no satifaction given.

The Bishop and Synod do hereby admit of Thomas Irland son to Mr Thomas Ireland minister of Kirkolme to be their bursar and appoints the severall ministers of this Diocesse to bring fifteen shilling Scots *ad minimum* with them to the next Synod to be imployed for ye end above specified.

Censure of ye Prty of Stenrauer.

The Presbytry of Stenrauer were removed upon censure and being called in receaved the good testimony of their bretheren.

Censure of ye Prty book of Stenrauer.

The Bishop and Synod considering ye report given in by ye Visitors appointed to visit the Prt^y^ book of Stenrauer Doe approve ye same beginning Kirkmaiden Maij 12, 1669, and ending Stenrauer Septemb. 29, 1669.

Censure of ye Prty of Wigton.

The Prt^y^ of Wigton were removed upon censure, and being called in receaved ye good testimony of their bretheren.

Censure of ye Prty book of Wigton.

The Bishop and Synod admits of the excuse given in by ye Prty of Wigton why their book was not in readinesse and ordains ym to bring it to ye next Synod.

Censure of ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh.

The Prty of Kirkcudburgh were removed upon censure and being called in receaved ye good testimony of their bretheren.

Anent the Prty book of Kirkcudburgh.

The Bishop and Synod admits of the excuse given in by ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh why their book was not in readinesse, and ordains ym to bring it to ye next Synod.

The which day the Prty of Kirkcudburgh being interrogat what they had done with that processe anent Mr Alexr. Irwing minister of Parton, it was answered they had keeped severall diets anent the tryal thereof, and at length having heard the accusers what they could say, and considered the deposition of all the witnesses led in that matter found nothing proven, Likeas ye day forsaid the said processe was revised by a Committee from ye Synod and that Committee reported there was nothing proven, Whereupon ye Bishop and Synod ordaind ye Prty of Kirk-

cudburgh to send a brother to the parish church of Parton upon a Lords day and clear ye said Mr Alexr Irwing of the charges lybelled against him, referring the accusers to ye Prty for censure for their slandering of ye said Mr Alexr. and the Prty to give an account thereof to ye next Synod.

Moderators.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Mr Alexr. Irwing minister of Parton to be moderator to the bretheren of ye exercise at Kirkcudburgh, Master James Colhoun minister of Penygham to be moderator to ye bretheren of the exercise at Wigton, and Master George Henry minister of Stoniekirk to be moderator to ye bretheren of the exercise at Stenrauer, and these to ontinue till ye next ensuing Synod.

Next Synod.

The Bishop and Synod appoints their next Synodicall meeting to be at Wigton upon the last Wednesday of April next, in the ensuing year of God one thousand six hundred threescore and ten.

This last Session was ended with prayer to God made by the Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway, &c.

THE REGISTER OF THE SYNOD OF GALLOWAY holden at the KIRKE of WIGTOUNE, on Wednesday ye 27th day of April, One thousand six hundred threescore ten years. And in the twentie second year of ye Reigne of Our Soveraigne Lord CHARLES ye 2d King of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

At the Kirke of Wigton, Die Mercurij, Aprilis 27, 1670.

The which day Sermon [Malach: 2, 6.] being begun and ended by ye Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway &c.

Sederunt—Ye members of ye Synod of Galloway then-present, viz.—James Lord Bishop of Galloway forsaid, Master James Colhoun minister of Penygham

and moderator to the bretheren of ye exercise at Wigton, Mr Andrew Symson minister of Kirkinner, Mr Norman M'Kinney minister of Whitherne, Mr James Cooper minister of Mochrum, Mr James Leiper minister of Kirkuan, Mr John Arbuickle minister of Monnygaffe, Mr James Bayly minister of Glasserton, Master Alex^r. Irwing minister of Parton and moderator to ye bretheren of ye exercise at Kirkcudburgh, Mr James Kirk minister of Balmaghie, Mr Robt More minister of Girton, Mr James Schaw minister of Anwith, Mr Robt. Bowis minister of Rerick, Mr John Waugh minister of Corsemichael, Mr James Adamson minister of Kelton, Mr John Row minister of Balmaclellan, Mr Thomas Cauden minister of Corsefairne, Mr James Murray minister of Borge, Mr John Logan minister of Bootle, Mr Thomas Irland minster of Kirkolme, Mr James M'Gill minister of Kirkmaiden, Mr John Caldwell minister of Portpatrick, Mr William Sommervel minister of Laswalt, Mr Thomas Naismith minister of Stenrauer, and ye name of God was invocate by ye Right Reverend ye Bishop of Galloway &c.

Absent out of ye Prt^y of Wigton—Mr Walter M'Gill minister of Wigtowne, Mr Alex^r. Cooper minister of Sorbie.

Absent out of ye Prt^y of Kirkcudburgh—Mr Alex^r. Mortymer minister of Kirkcudbright, Mr Robt Burrell minister of Tungland, Mr George Leith

minister of Twynam, Mr David M'Querne minister of Kirkmabreck.

Absent out of ye Prty of Stenrauer—Mr George Henry minister of Stoniekirk, and Mr James Hutcheson minister of Inch.

Mr James Hutcheson, Mr Walter M'Gill, Mr Alexr. Mortymer, Mr Robt. Birrell and Mr George Leith sent letters of excuse for their absence which were read, but ye Bishop and Synod delayed to determine till ye next Session.

The Bishop and Synod ordains such as were absent the last Synod and now present, viz.—Mr James M'Gill, Mr Thomas Naismith, Mr John Waugh, Mr James Kirke, Mr Robt. Moir, Mr John Row, Mr John Logan and Mr Thomas Cauden to wait on at the Privie Conference to give in their excuses for their absence from ye last Synod.

The Bishop and Synod appoints ye Prty book of Wigton to be delivered to Mr James Schaw and Mr William Sommervale who are hereby appointed to visit ye same and to report to ye Synod thereanent.

The excuse given in by ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh why their book is not in readinesse is referrd to ye privie conference.

The excuse given in by ye Prt^y of Stenrauer why their book is not in readinesse is referrd to ye Privie conference to consider thereanent.

John Gilhagie in ye parish of Whitherne suspect of a relapse in Adultery with Jennet M'Cullan being by ye Prt^y of Wigton, at Wigton ye day of referd to ye Synod and summond *apud acta* by them to this day was cald and compeird he is appointed to wait on at ye Privie conference.

Patrick Vans in ye Parish of Sorbie being referd to ye Synod by ye Prt^y of Wigton for his disorderly baptizing of his child and also for his contumacy to ye Prt^y and being summond to ye Synod conforme to ye appointment of ye Prt^y at Wigton Martii 2, 1670 by Alex^r. Napier as he solemnly declared before ye Synod, was cald upon but compeird not, the conference is to consider thereanent.

Andrew Ferguson in ye Parish of Rerick suspect of incest with Jenet Ferguson his brothers daughter, being referd by ye Prt^y of Kirkcudburgh to ye Synod and summod thereto by was calld but compeird not, the Privie conference is to consider thereanent.

James Martin in ye Parish of Corsemichael of the sin of being referrd by ye Prt^y of Kirkcudburgh to ye Synod and summond thereto by

was calld but compeird not the Privie conference is to consider thereanent.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Mr Alexr. Irwing, Mr Robt. Bowis, Mr James Kirk, Mr John Row, Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr James Cooper, Mr Thomas Ireland and Mr William Sommervale to meet in ye Bishops chamber at 5 of the clock in ye afternoone upon the Privie Conference.

Publick intimation was made at ye most patent door of ye Kirk of Wigton that if there were any appeals, references, bills, supplications or petitions to ye Synod that they should be brought in to ye Privie conference in ye Bishops chamber at 5 of the clock.

The Bishop and Synod adjoruns their next Snyodical meeting till to-morrow at ten of the clock in ye forenoon.

This Session was ended with prayer to God made by ye Right Reverend the Bishop of Galloway.

At the Privie Conference, hora 5ta.

All the above appointed ministers were present.

At the Kirk of Wigton, Die Jovis, Aprilis 28, 1670.—*Sess.* 2a

The said day *Sederunt* James Lord Bishop of Galloway, Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson,

Mr Norman M'Kinney, Mr James Cooper, Mr James Leiper, Mr John Arbuickle, Mr James Baillie, Mr Alexr. Irwing, Mr James Kirke, Mr Robt. Moir, Mr James Schaw, Mr Robt. Bowis, Mr John Waugh, Mr James Adamson, Mr John Row, Mr Thomas Cauden, Mr James Murray, Mr John Logan, Mr Thomas Ireland, Mr James M'Gill, Mr John Coldwell, Mr William Sommervale and Mr Thomas Naismith, and the name of God was invocated by ye Right Reverend the Bishop of Galloway.

The Bishop and Synod doth hereby admit of ye excuses given in by Mr James M'Gill, Mr Thomas Naismith, Mr John Waugh, Mr James Kirk, Mr Robt. Moir, Mr John Row, Mr John Logan, and Mr Thomas Couden for their absence from ye last Synod.

The letters of excuse sent by severall ministers for their absence from this present Synod are delayd till ye next Synod.

The Prty of Kirkcudburgh being interrogate what they had done anent ye processe of Patrick Raine answered that they had been dealing with him anent that scandal of Adultery with Margaret M'Cuffie but he still denyed ye same and was willing to purge himselfe by oath but now at ye last refuses ye same, The Bishop and Synod do recommend to ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh forsaid to conferre with him and, as they shall find cause, to proceed.

Mr Alexr. Irwing and Mr Robert Bowis (who were appointed at ye last Synod to speake to ye Lord Nithsdale anent William Herreise of Caigton) being interrogat what they had done thereanent gave in their excuse why they had not done it which the Bishop and Synod did admit of but withall renews ye former act and ordains them to observe ye same.

The day forsaid ye Bishop did informe ye Synod that the Lords of his Majesties Privie Councel had ordaind that all excommunicated and profesd papists should be put down in a list, whereupon ye Bishop and Synod appointed a former act of Synod containing ye names of ye excommunicate and profesd papists within their bounds be extracted and given to ye Bishop, to be transmitted to ye Councel, and if there be any others in this Diocesse not containd in that act they are to be also given in.

The Bishop and Synod doth hereby renew all former acts of Synod made anent Papists and doth earnestly recommend it to ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh to observe ye same.

The Commissioners appointed ye last Synod to meet at Monnygaffe anent Mr David M'Querne being interrogat what they had don in that processe replyed that they had keeped severall diets thereanent and examined severall witnesses but had not as yet brought it to a close, which report the Bishop

and Synod considering as also that Mr David M' Querne himselfe is not present Doe renew the former commission and by thir presents Doe appoint the severall commissionated ministers therein nominated except these of the Prty of Stenrauer (who by reason of their great distance are hereby excepted) to meet with the Prty of Kirkcudburgh at the Kirk of Kirkmabreck upon the 25th day of Maij next ensuing to ye effect and purpose contained in ye act of the last Synod made thereanent And ye Bishop and Synod appoints Mr David M'Querne to be summond to that day and ye Clerk to have all ye papers relating to that processe in readinesse at the day and place forsaid.

The said day John Gilhagie in ye parish of Whithern being calld upon compeird and being chalenged for his relapse in adultery with Jennet M'Cullan denyed the same whereupon ye minister of Whithern produced ye deposition of severall persons before ye Session of Whitherne containing severall presumptions in reference to ye said adultery which were read in Synod and ye said John was questioned thereanent but he always stood to stiff denyall whereupon ye Bishop and Synod ordaind him to confer with Mr Alexr Cooper Mr James Cooper and Mr James Baile betwixt and ye next Prty day at Wigton which is to be on the day of Maij next and if they get not satisfaction then ye Prty of Wigton are hereby or-

daind upon those presumptions that are already made out to proceed against him in order to excommunication.

James Martin in ye parish of Corsemichael suspect of ye sin of adultery with Jennet Marjorie in Kirkpatrick Durham and Andrew Ferguson in Rerick suspect of incest with Jennet Ferguson his brothers daughter being both summond to the Synod were calld upon both yesterday and this day but compeird not; whereupon the Bishop and Synod referrd them back to ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh who are hereby ordained to proceed against them as they shall see cause.

Patrick Vans in ye parish of Sorbie being summond to ye Synod for the disorderly baptizing of his child and his contumacy to ye Prty of Wigton was cald and yet neither compeird yesterday nor this day Therefore the Bishop and Synod do hereby referre him to the Prty of Wigton conforme to act of the Synod made at Wigton April 29, 1668, intituled *Act anent baptizing of children.*

The Bishop and Synod considering the necessituous condition of James Muir a poor scholar for the present at ye Colledge of Edinburgh, and that although he hath by an act of ye last Synod recommended to ye severall Prtys for supply yet he hath receaved nothing save from the Prty of Wigton

Therefore the Bishop and Synod doe hereby seriously recommend him to ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh and Stenrauer for supply and recommends it to ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh to have theirs in readinesse against the 25th day of May next and ye Prty of Stenrauer theirs with ye first convenience and to send it to Mr Andrew Symson who is hereby appointed to send it to ye said James Muir.

The Bishop and Synod having read ye double of an Act of Parliament in favours of ye Burgh of Dundee for a voluntary contribution dated Edr. December 23, 1659 as also a letter from the Provest and Bailies of Dundee for that effect Doe hereby earnestly recommend it to ye severall Presbytries of this Diocesse to take ye most expedient course for collecting ye same, and they are appointed to send in the money collected by them to Mr Andrew Symson minister of Kirkinner who is to deliver it to ye Provest and Magistrates of Dundee or any having their power and warrant for receaving of ye same.

Forasmuch as nothing is yet done anent ye collection for ye Bridge of Glenlusse Therefore the Bishop and Synod do hereby renew a former act of Synod bearing date Kirkcudburgh April 28, 1669 anent a collection for building the said bridge and recommends it to ye severall Presbytries to take ye most expedient course for collecting and ingathering of the same.

The Bishop and Synod considering ye supplication of James Williamson in Caudermill making mention that he had built a stone bridge over the water of Cauder at his owne charges and expense and Therefore desird their charitie and assistance for the defraying of his expenses Doe hereby recommend him to ye severall Presbytries in this Diocesse for supply.

The Bishop and Synod considering that it is very usefull and expedient that there be frequent visitations of the churches in their bounds Doe therefore recommend it to the severall Prt^ys to keep visitations at the respective Parish Kirks in their bounds as they shall see cause.

The Bishop and Synod taking to their serious consideration ye sad and desolate condition of the Parish of Twynam by and through ye indisposition of Mr George Leith their minister, who is so weake and infirme that for a long time he hath been unable to officiate and discharge ye severall parts of his ministerial function, and as on ye one hand they think it hard that the said Parish should be in a manner left destitute, so also upon the other hand they think it hard, that another minister should be put in and uplift the benefice and in ye meantime ye said Mr George laid by and put from his livelyhood since it is the Lord that [hath] been pleased to lay his hand so upon him, Whereupon the Bishop and Synod did fall upon this overture that there might be some

honest young man found out who should be admitted as an helper to ye said Mr George (with the said Mr George his consent) should receave a part of the stipend, however they will not determine thereanent untill ye said Mr George be consulted with, and Therefore the Bishop and Synod Doe hereby appoint Mr Alexander Irwing moderator, Mr Robt Bowis, Mr John Row and Mr James Schaw to goe to Mr George Leith and acquaint him with ye sense and overture of ye Synod desireing his answer thereto and advice thereanent, and the saids ministers are hereby appointed to give an account of their diligence to ye Bishop against the 25th day of Maij next ensuing.

The Presbytries of Wigton and Stenrauer having not as yet met together either at Glenlusse or Kirkuan conforme to an act of Synod concluded at Kirkcudburgh April 29, 1669, anent charmers and Necromancers but the Prt^y^ of Wigton having one Alex^r^ Heron in within ye parish of Penygham under processe before ye date of the said act at Kirkcudburgh, did upon the deposition of severall witnesses find him guilty and accordingly had sentenced him for his fault but as yet have not proceeded against him for his disobedience in refusing to obey ye said sentence, because they were informed by some of the bretheren of Stenrauer that he had also committed severall abuses in their bounds for which they desired that he might be summond before them, according

to which desire ye minister of Penygham had cited ye said Alex^r to compeir before ye Prt^y of Stenrauer, but they have done nothing thereanent because of his not compeiring before them. Therefore the Bishop and Synod do hereby ordaine the said Prt^y of Stenrauer to proceed against the said Alex^r. Heron.

Censure of ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh.

The Prt^y of Kirkcudburgh were removed upon censure and being called in receaved ye good testimony of their bretheren.

The Bishop and Synod being informed that the Prt^y of Kirkcudburgh had not censured the persons that had slandered Mr Alex^r. Irwing minister of Parton by subscribeing false accusations against him, as it was recommended to y^m by an Act of the last Synod Therefore they Doe hereby againe recommend it to ye said Prt^y to see ye said Mr Alex^r. his credit repaird as they themselves shall be answerable.

Anent the Prty book of Kirkcudburgh.

The Bishop and Synod admits of the excuse given in by ye Prt^y of Kirkcudburgh why their book was not in readinesse, and ordains y^m to have it ready against the next Synod.

Censure of ye Prty of Stenrauer.

The Prt^y of Stenrauer were removed upon censure and being called in receaved the good testimony of their bretheren.

Anent the Prty book of Stenrauer.

The Bishop and Synod being informed that the Prty book of Stenrauer is lost and that although diligent inquiry and search hath been made after it yet it cannot be gotten which is likely to occasion great prejudice within ye bounds of ye Prty of Stenrauer forsaid in reference to their discipline because severall processes not yet closd are contained therein and severall other things relating to ye affaires of the Prty. For remeid whereof as much as in them lies the Bishop and Synod Doe hereby recommend it to the Prty of Stenrauer to take all tryall for the finding of it againe, and in case it cannot be found then the Bishop and Synod do hereby recommend it to ye moderator and some of the bretheren whom ye Prty shall appoint to revise their former minutes that forth of them they may make up their booke and wherein their minutes are defective, they are to call for the particular session bookes that so out of them together with their minutes they may make up their booke as materially as they can.

Censure of ye Prty of Wigton.

The Prty of Wigton were removed upon censure, and being called in receaved the good testimony of their bretheren.

The Bishop and Synod being informed by ye minister of Kirkuan that he could not get a session in

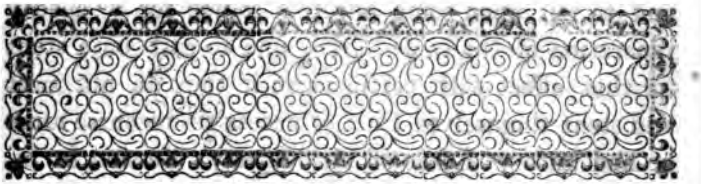
his parish to concurr with him in the exercise of discipline Doe Therefore recommend it to ye Prty of Wigton to appoint some of their number to meet with ye minister of Kirkuan at ye Kirk of Kirkuan as often as it shall be thought expedient, who are [to] supply the place of a session there. And the Bishop and Synod Doe recommend this as a general rule to be followd by the severall Prtys of this Diocesse in case any of their number be destitute of a session to concur with them for ye punishing of vice and exerceing of discipline as said is.

The day forsaid the Prty of Wigton did represent to ye Bishop and Synod the ruinous condition of the Fabrick of the Kirk of Kirkuan, the westerne Gaivle thereof being fallen to ye ground, and that notwithstanding of severall meetings and visitations holden at ye said Kirke of Kirkuan in order to ye reparation thereof, yet there was no effectual course taken thereanent. Wherefore ye Bishop and Synod did recommend it to ye Prty of Wigton to make use of all legal course for the repairing of the same; And to that effect the Prty of Wigton or some of their number are to meet upon Tuesday come eight days being the 10th of Maij at the said Kirke of Kirkuan, and publick intimation of their meeting is to be made the Lords day preceeding at the said Kirk, earnestly desireing ye heritors and all others having interest within ye parish to be present at the said Kirk ye day

forsaid to concurr with ye said members of ye Prty and to fall upon some effectual course for ye speedy reparation of the said Kirke, and to cast on a stent for that effect with certification if they do not meet and stent themselves, then of necessitie recourse must be had unto ye Lords of his Majesty's Session to interpose their authoritie for the effectuating of that business.

Censure of ye Prty book of Wigton.

The Bishop and Synod considering ye report given in by ye visitors appointed to visit ye Prty book of Wigton Doe approve ye said book beginning page 79, at Wigton November 18, 1668, and ending page 91, at Wigton September 22, 1669, and recommends to the clerk of the said Prty to be more expresse and distinct.



THE REGISTER OF Y^E SYNOD OF GALLOWAY holden at the KIRK of WIGTON, on Wednesday the 26th day of April one thousand six hundred three score and eleven yeares. And in the twentie third year of ye Reigne of Our Soveraigne Lord CHARLES ye 2d., King of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland, Defender of ye Faith, &c.

At ye Kirk of Wigton, Die Mercurij, Aprilis 26, 1671.

The which day Sermon [Malach. 2, 6.] being begun and ended by ye Right Reverend Father in God James Lord Bishop of Galloway &c.

Sederunt—The members of the Synod of Galloway then present, viz.—James Lord Bishop of Galloway forsaid, Master James Colhoun minister of Penygham and moderator to ye bretheren of the ex-

ercise at Wigton, Mr Andrew Symson minister of Kirkinner, Mr Walter M'Gill minister of Wigton, Mr Norman M'Kinney minister of Whitherne, Mr James Cooper minister of Mochrum, Mr Alexr. Cooper minister of Sorbie, Mr James Leiper minister of Kirkuan, Mr John Arbuickle minister of Monnygaffe, Master Alexr. Irwing minister of Parton and moderator to ye bretheren of the exercise at Kirkcudburgh, Mr James Schaw minister of Anwith, Mr Robt. Bowis minister of Rerick, Mr John Waugh minister of Corsemichael, Mr Ja: Adamson minister of Kelton, Mr John Row minister of Balmaclellan, Mr Alexr. Mortymer minister of Kirkcudburgh, Mr John Logan minister of Bootle, Mr Thomas Colden minister of Corsefairne, Mr Ja: Murray minister of Borg, Mr Robt. Burrell minister of Tungland, Master George Henry minister of Stoniekirk and moderator to ye bretheren of the exercise of Stenrauer, Mr Ja: Hutcheson minister of Inch, Mr James M'Gill minister of Kirkmoyden, Mr William Sommervale minister of Laswalt, Mr Tho: Naismith minister of Stenrauer, and the name of God was invocated by ye Right Reverend ye Bishop of Galloway &c.

Absent out of the Prty of Wigton—Mr James Bayly minister of Glasserton, but he sent a letter signifying that he was sick. The Bishop and Synod hereby admit of the said excuse and excuses him for his absence.

Absent out of the Prty of Kirkcudburgh—Mr James Kirk minister of Balmaghie and Mr Robt Moir minister of Girton, but no letter from them.

Absent out of the Prty of Stenrauer—Mr Tho: Irland minister of Kirkolme and Mr John Coldwell minister of Portpatrick, either of which sent a letter of excuse signifying their unwellnesse and indisposition of body. The Bishop and Synod admits of their excuses, and do by thir presents excuse them for their absence from this present Synod.

The Bishop and Synod do by thir presents admit of the excuse given in by Mr Alexr. Cooper minister of Sorbie for his absence from the last Synod being then very sick.

Mr George Henry, Mr Walter M'Gill, Mr Ja: Hutcheson, Mr Alexr. Mortymer and Mr Robt. Burrell gave in their excuses for their absence from ye last Synod, the Bishop and Synod referrs ym to be considered on at the privie conference.

The Bishop and Synod appoints ye Prty book of Wigton to be delivered to Mr John Waugh and Mr Tho: Naismith who are hereby appointed to visit the samen and to make report to ye Bishop and Synod thereanent.

The Bishop and Synod appoints the Prty book of Kirkcudburgh to be delivered to Mr James Cooper

and Mr James Leiper who are hereby appointed to visit the samen and to make report to ye Bishop and Synod thereanent.

The Bishop and Synod appoints the Prty book of Stenrauer to be delivered to Mr James Schaw and Mr John Arbuickle who are hereby appointed to visit the samen and to make report to the Bishop and Synod thereanent.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Mr Alexr. Irwing, Mr Robt. Bowis, Mr Alexr. Mortymer, Mr John Row, Mr James Colhoun. Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Alexr. Cooper, Mr Walter M'Gill, Mr George Henry and Mr James Hutcheson to meet in the Bishops chamber at five of the clock in the afternoon upon the Privie Conference.

Archbald Stewart late bayly of Whithern dwelling for ye present at the Causeyend within the parish of Penygham being guilty of Adultery with Stewart and yet refusing to satisfy for the same conforme to ye injunctions from ye Prty of Wigton as also suspect of adultery with M'Kie, and upon grosse presumptions suspect of a third Adultery with Anable Bea, being by the Prty of Wigton on the day of this instant April referrd to ye Synod and summond to this day by John M'Kie officer specialy constitute by ye Prty of Wigton as the said John this day solemnly in presence of the Bishop and Sy-

nod declared, was calld upon at the most patent door of the Kirk of Wigton, but compeird not, the conference is to consider thereanent.

Alexander M'Clellan in Ingliston within ye parish of Sorbie suspect of Adultery with Jennet M'Dowgall being by the Prt^y of Wigton at Wigton upon the day of this instant April referd to ye Synod and being summond thereto were calld, and both compeird the said Jennet did confidently affirm that the said Alex^r had committed the sin of Adultery with her, but the said Alexander denyed the samen and being dealt with by the Bishop to make an ingenuous and free confession did most stiffly deny that he was guilty of ye said sin with the said Jennet, Whereupon the Bishop and Synod did ordain him to wait on the privie conference at 5 a clock in ye Bishops chamber.

Publick intimation was made at the most patent door of the Kirk of Wigton that if there were any appeals, references, bills, supplications or petitions to the Synod they should be brought into ye Privie Conference in the Bishops chamber at five a clock in the afternoon.

The Bishop and Synod adjourns their next Snyodical meeting till to-morrow at eight of the clock in the forenoon.

This Session was ended with prayer to God made by ye Right Reverend the Bishop of Galloway.

At the Privie Conference, hora 5ta.

All the above appointed ministers were present.

At the Kirk of Wigton, Die Jovis, Aprilis 27, 1671.—Sess. 2a.

The said day *Sederunt* James Lord Bishop of Galloway, Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr Walter M'Gill, Mr Norman M'Kinney, Mr James Cooper, Mr Alexr. Cooper, Mr James Leiper, Mr John Arbuickle, Mr Alexr. Irwing, Mr James Schaw, Mr Robt. Bowis, Mr John Waugh, Mr James Adamson, Mr Alexr. Mortymer, Mr John Row, Mr John Logan, Mr Tho: Colden, Mr James Murray, Mr Robt. Burrell, Mr George Henry, Mr James Hutcheson, Mr James M'Gill, Mr William Sommervale, Mr Thomas Naismith, and the name of God was invocated by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Galloway.

The Bishop and Synod by thir presents do admit of the excuses given in by Mr George Henry, Mr Walter M'Gill, Mr James Hutcheson, Mr Alexr. Mortymer and Mr Robt. Birrell for their absence from the last Synod.

The Bishop and Synod considering that Mr James Kirk and Mr Robt. Moir have absented themselves from this Synod and have sent no letters of excuse for their absence Doe hereby appoint the moderator

of the Prty of Kirkcudburgh to cause cite ym to compeir before the Bishop and Synod at their next Synod to answer for the samen.

Anent Patrick Raine.

The Prty of Kirkcudburgh being interrogat what they had done anent Patrick Raine in reference to his scandal of Adultery with Margt. M'Cuffie, replyed that as yet they had not brought it to a close, but had been dealing with him to bring him to a confession, but he still denys the samen, and upon severall presumptions they had proceeded against him in order to excommunication but had not as yet fully ended the same, they are hereby ordaind to proceed farther against him as they shall think expedient.

Act for conference with the Papists.

The Bishop and Synod taking to their consideration the great growth and increase of Papists within the bounds of the Prty of Kirkcudburgh Doe hereby renew all former acts of Synod made against them and doe hereby most earnestly recommend it to the moderator and remanent bretheren of the said Prty to conferr with them and to proceed against them in order to excommunication in case that the said papists refuse conference or after conference refuse to give satisfaction to them, And the Bishop and Synod do hereby ordain. Mr Alexr. Irwing, Mr James Adamson and Mr John Logan (in whose parishes most of

the saids papists reside) to take each of them one of the ministers of the said Prty to joyne with them in their conference with such papists as are in their respective parishes. And the moderator and Prty of Kirkcudburgh forsaid are hereby ordained to give an an account of their diligence to the next ensuing Synod.

Report anent Mr David M'Querne.

Reported by the Commissionars appointed the last Synod to meet at Kirkmabreck anent Mr David M' Querne, that the Bishop and severall other ministers which were nominated for that effect, met at Kirkmabreck upon the twentie-fifth of May last, and had brought the processe to a close by the said Mr David M'Querne his removal as is to be seen at large in the Registers of the Prty of Kirkcudburgh.

Report anent John Gilhagie.

Reported by the Prty of Wigton that they had proceeded with John Gilhagie in Whitherne conform to the instructions of the last Synod, and that at length he was brought to a confession of his Adultery with Jennet M'Cullan, And that they had enjoynd him to make satisfaction according to the usual custom and practise of this country.

Report anent James Marten and Andrew Ferguson.

Reported by the Prty of Kirkcudburgh that James Marten in the Parish of Corsemichael had not as yet

confesd the sin of Adultery with Jennet M'Come, as also that Andrew Ferguson in the parish of Rerick had not as yet confesd the sin of incest with Jennet Ferguson his brother daughter, The Bishop and Synod Doe hereby ordain the Prty of Kirkcudburgh to deal with them to bring them to a confession, and if they see cause, to proceed against them in order to excommunication

Anent Patrick Vans.

The Prty of Wigtown having not as yet censured Patrick Vans in the Parish of Sorbie for the disorderly baptizing of his child are hereby ordained to proceed against him conform to the act of Synod of the date at Wigton April 29, 1668, Intituled *Act anent baptizing of Children.*

Act in favours of James Muir.

The Bishop and Synod considering that the Prtys of Stenrauer and Kirkcudburgh have not ts yet sent in their supply for the releife of James Muir a poor scholar at the Colledge of Edr. Doe therefore renew their former act of the last Synod made in the said James Muir his favours and ordains the said Presbytries of Stenrauer and Kirkcudburgh to send in their proportions with the first conveniency.

Act renewing a former act in favours of Dundee.

Forasmuch as nothing is yet done anent the Collection for the toune of Dundee, Therefore The Bis-

hop and Synod doe hereby renew their former act of the last Synod anent a Collection for the supply of the said toune of Dundee. and Doe recommend it to the severall Prtys to take the most expedient course for collecting of the samen.

Act renewing former acts anent the bridge of Glenlusse.

The Bishop and Synod considering that nothing is yet done anent the Collection for the Bridge of Glenlusse, Doe therefore renew their former acts made thereanent and recommends it to the respective Prtys of this Diocesse for supply.

Act renewing a former act in favours of James Williamson.

Forasmuch as James Williamson in Cauder-miln hath as yet received no supply from this Diocesse for his building a bridge over the water Cauder at his own charges Therefore the Bishop and Synod Doe hereby renew an act of the last Synod made in his favours recommending him to the severall Prtys of this Diocesse for supply.

Act anent Visitations.

The Bishop and Synod considering that in obedience to severall acts of Synod the respective Prtys of this Diocesse have been keeping Visitations at the respective Churches and parishes within their bounds, And also considering that frequent visitations are

very usefull Doe therefore hereby recommend it to the severall Prtys to visit such of their churches within their bounds as they shall think most needfull and expedient to be visited.

Act anent the Sacrament of the Lords Supper.

The Bishop and Synod considering how needfull and expedient it is that the Sacrament of the Lords Supper be administered in the severall congregations of this Diocesse, Doe hereby earnestly recommend it to the severall ministers in their bounds to administer the samen with the first conveniency, and do hereby also recommend it to the respective ministers of this Diocesse to be diligent in examining of their people and fitting and preparing them for the due receaving of ye samen.

Reported by the Prty of Kirkcudburgh that for supplying the desolat condition of the parish of Twynam through the late indisposition of Mr George Leith minister thereat they had held a visitation at the said Kirk but nothing material was concluded; and that now the said Mr George Leith being dead since their visitation they had declared the said Kirk vacant. The Synod doe therefore hereby recommend it to the Bishop to speak to ye Patron anent the planting thereof and presenting a minister thereto.

The Bishop and Synod considering that Alexr. Heron in Barskeoch within the parish of Penygham

hath not as yet compeird before the Prty of Stenrauer to answer for his sin of charming in their bounds through severall times summond thereto Do therefore hereby ordain Mr James Colhoun minister of Penygham to summon the said Alexr. Heron *pro ultimo* to compeir before the said Prty of Stenrauer to be holden at the Kirk of Glenlusse upon Wednesday the 17 day of May next to answer for his sin of charming in their bounds, and if he compeir not then the said Mr James Colhoun is hereby ordaind to proceed against him in order to excommunication And moreover the Bishop and Synod Doe hereby ordain Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson, Mr James Cooper and Mr James Leiper to meet at the Kirk of Glenlusse upon the said 17th day of Maij with the said Prty of Stenrauer to concur with them in the censuring of the said Alexr. Heron as his crimes shall be found to demerit.

Act for summoning the subscribers of a lybell against Mr Alexander Irwing.

The Bishop and Synod considering that the Prty of Kirkcudburgh have not (as it was recommended to them by the last Synod) censured those persons that had slandered Mr Alexr. Irwing minister of Parton by subscribing false accusations against him and also considering that it is just and equitable that the said Alexs. should be repaird in his credit Doe hereby ordain ye Prty of Kirkcudburgh to cause

summon the saids persons to compeir before the Bishop and Synod at the next ensuing Synod to be holden at Wigton upon the last Wednesday of October next, to hear and see themselves censured for their scandalizing of the said Mr Alexr. as said is.

Anent the Prty book of Stenrauer.

The Prty book of Stenrauer was this day produced but not fully filled up because of their Clerks unwellnesses, And therefore the Bishop and Synod do hereby ordain the said Prty of Stenrauer to have it filld up and brought in peremptorily to the next Synod.

Reported by the Prty of Wigton that in obedience to an act of ye last Synod they had sent some of their number to Kirkuan to concur with the minister there in keeping a Session, and that they had engaged some of the old Sessioners to meet with the minister upon his Session, as also that the minister and these that had engaged to concur with him had condescended upon a list of severall others in that parish who were ordaind to be conferrd with thereanent, and it is expected that divers of them will concur with the minister and the rest for exercing of discipline in the said parish.

Reported to the Bishop and Synod that conform to an act of the last Synod some of the Prty of Wigton had keept a meeting at the Kirk of Kirkuan anent the reparation of the fabrick of the said Kirk,

and that some of the Gentlemen and heritors of the said parish compeird and made fair promises but nothing material is performed, The Bishop and Synod taking the matter to serious consideration Doe yet recommend it to ye said Prt^y of Wigton to hold a visitation at the said Kirk of Kirkuan for repairing of the samen, and to take a legal course for compelling of the persons concernd to repair and build up the said Kirk and make it commodious for the celebrating of ye publick worship of God therein.

The Bishop and members of the conference having dealt with Alex^r. M'Clellan in Inglston within the parish of Sorbie anent the sin of adultery with Jennet M'Dougall as the said Jennet did stiffly alledge in presence of the Synod yesterday and yet he continued constantly in denyal of the samen as he had also don yesterday in presence of the Synod The Bishop and Synod doe therefore by thir presents referre the said Alex^r. M'Clellan back again to ye Prt^y of Wigton who are to deal with him thereanent and as they shall see cause to proceed.

Act against Charmers and Charming.

The Bishop and Synod taking to their serious consideration the great growth of charmers and charming (as it was this day represented to them) Doe by thir presents renew a former act of Synod passd at Kirkcudburgh April 26, 1669 recommending to ye sever-

all ministers of this Diocesse to use all meanes for the extirpating of such crimes and in particular publickly in their congregations to testify against such crimes and to warn their people not to make use of any charmes or charmers as they would incurre the wrath and displeasure of Almighty God. And it is hereby earnestly recommended to the respective Presbytries of this Diocesse and the particular ministers therein that they make diligent search after such persons within their bounds as are guilty of the forsaids crimes, citing such to compeir before them, and being found guilty to censure them as it shall be found expedient, that so, as much as in them lies these dregs of Atheism and infidelitie may be cast out, these pillars of the kingdome of darknesse may be pulled down and the wrath and vengeance of the jealous God due for such crimes may be averted and prevented.

Act for the better observation of the Lords Day.

The Bishop and Synod taking to their serious consideration the great profanation of the Lords day (as it was this day represented to them) by people asuming to themselves a liberty needlesly to travel yea to begin their journeys of the Lord's days, as also going to and comeing from wells upon that day tending to the great dishonour of Almighty God, the shame and reproach of our religion, the offence and scandal of God's people Doe by thir presents earnestly recommend it to the respective Prtys of this Diocesse and

the particular ministers therein that they publickly testify against the samen and warn their people to abstain therefrom with certification that such as shall be found guilty shall be censured for the samen. And the respective Prtys and ministers of this Diocesse are hereby enjoynd to cite such as shall be guilty to compeir before them and being found guilty to enjoyne them publick satisfaction as their faults shall deserve And moreover ye Bishop and Synod doe hereby ordain she severall ministers of this Diocesse to make publick intimation hereanent in their respective Congregations that none pretend ignorance.

The Bishop and Synod considering the report given in by the Visitors appointed to visit the Prty book of Wigton Doe approve ye said book beginning page 91, at Wigton Octob. 20, 1669, and ending page 100, at Wigton Octob. 5, 1670.

The Bishop and Synod adjourns their next Synodical meeting till two of the clock in the afternoon.

This diet was ended with prayer to God made by the Right Reverend James Lord Bishop of Galloway.

At the Kirk of Wigton, Dei Jovis, Aprilis 27, 1671.—*Sess.* 3e

The said day *Sederunt* James Lord Bishop of Galloway, Mr James Colhoun, Mr Andrew Symson,

Mr Walter M'Gill, Mr Norman M'Kinney, Mr Alexr. Cooper, Mr James Leiper, Mr John Arbuickle, Mr Alexr. Irwing, Mr James Schaw, Mr Robt. Bowis, Mr John Waugh, Mr James Adamson, Mr Alexr. Mortymer, Mr John Row, Mr John Logan, Mr Thomas Colden, Mr James Murray, Mr Robt. Birrell, Mr George Henry, Mr James Hutcheson, Mr James M'Gill, Mr William Sommervale, Mr Thomas Nasmith and the name of God was invocated by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Galloway.

Mr James Cooper absent from this session but obtaind leave from the Bishop and is excusd.

Censure of the Prty of Stenrauer.

The Prty of Stenrauer were removed upon censure and being calld in receaved the good testimony of their bretheren, and it is recommended to them to have their book in readinesse at the next Synod.

Censure of the Prty of Wigton.

The Prty of Wigton were removed upon censure and being calld in receaved the good testimony of their bretheren.

Censure of the Prty of Kirkcudburgh.

The Prty of Kirkcudburgh were removed upon censure and being calld in receaved the good testi-

mony of their bretheren, And it is earnestly recommended to them to take pains against the Papists observing the acts of the Synod anent them.

Anent Mr John Logan.

The Bishop and Synod considering that Mr John Logan minister of Bootle hath been absent from his Church many Lords days together and that his place requires his continued attendance being much affected with popery Did think fit that he should be rebuked for the samen, Likeas the said Mr John was Synodically rebuked for his absence and admonishd to wait on his charge more diligently for the future, with certification if in time comeing he fall in the like again he shall be suspended for the first feult.

Anent [Margaret Cleeve.]

The Bishop and Synod having heard the desire of Mr James Schaw minister of Anwith for advice, anent Margaret Cleeve in Killern, an aged person excommuicat many years since for incest who is earnestly desirous of relaxation before she die. It was advised by the Bishop and Synod that she should testify her publick repentance before the Congregation in sackcloth, and upon her publick confession and repentance she should be relaxed and absolved

Censure of the Pity book of Kirkcudburgh.

The Bishop and Synod considering the report given in by the visitors appointed to visit the Prty book of Kirkcudburgh Doe hereby approve of the samen, beginning page 79, at Kelton November 16, 1669, and ending page 104, at Kirkcudburgh April 11, 1671, and recommends to the Prty of Kirkcudburgh to give obedience to an act of Synod passd at Wigton November 1, 1665, Intituled *Act anent a Commonhead.* And whereas they have omitted to mark their privie Censures in their book therefore in time comeing they are ordaind to mark the samen at their Presbyteriall meeting immediately preceeding the Synod.

Moderators.

The Bishop and Synod appoints Mr Alexr. Irwing minister of Parton to be moderator to the bretheren of the exercise at Kirkcudburgh, Mr James Colheun minister of Penygham to be moderator to the bretheren of the exercise at Wigton, and Mr James Hutcheson minister of Inch to be moderator to the bretheren of the exercise at Stenrauer and these to continue till the next ensuing Synod.

Next Synod.

The Bishop and Synod appoints their next ensuing Synodicall meeting to be at the Kirk of Wigton upon

the last Wednesday of October next to come, in this instant year of God One thousand six hundred three score and eleven.

This last Session was ended with prayer to God made by the Right Reverend Father, James Lord Bishop of Galloway &c.

APPENDIX.

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Charmers and Necromancers.—The Devil of Glenluce.

At the time over which the Register of the Synod of Galloway extends there still existed in Scotland a belief in witchcraft, chalmery and preternatural agencies. This belief was not confined to the uneducated, for the clergy and best informed of the laity held it in common with the lower orders of the people. That the suppression of chalmery still occupied the attention, and exercised the vigilance of the Synod of Galloway may be seen by reference to pages 134, 148 and 181 of the Register.

As a specimen of the labours and duties additional to the administrations of their ordinary functions which this belief devoled upon the clergy and eldership of those days, the Editor has been induced to append the following reprint of a narrative of the celebrated Devil of Glenluce. The narrative as originally printed may be found in a collection of the works of George Sinclair Professor of Natural Philosophy, Glasgow—but as this work is now scarce, it has occurred to the Editor that a reprint of a narrative

which is still a subject of tradition in Galloway, may not be unacceptable to the reader, as illustrating the superstious belief of the time to which it refers.

THIS is that famous and notable story of the devil of Glenluce, which I published in my Hydrostatics, anno 1672, and which since have been transcribed word for word, by a learned pen, and published in a late book intitled, Saducismus Triumphatus, whom nothing but the truth thereof, and usefulness for refuting Atheism, could have persuaded me to transcribe. The subject-matter, then, of this story, is a true and short account of the troubles wherewith the family of one Gilbert Campbell, by profession a weaver, in the old parish of Glenluce in Galloway, was exercised. I have adventured to publish it *de novo*, in this book, first, because it was huddled up among purposes of another nature; but now I have reduced it to its own proper place. Next, because this story is more full, being enlarged with new additions, which were not in the former, and ends not so abruptly as the other did.—It happened, says my informer, Gilbert Campbell's son, who was then a student of philosophy in the college of Glasgow, that after one Alexander Agnew, a bold and sturdy beggar, who afterwards was hanged at Dumfries for blasphemy, had threatened hurt to the family, because he had not gotten such an alms as he required. The said Gilbert Campbell was often hindered in the exercise of his calling, and yet could not know by what means that was done This Agnew, amongst many blasphemous expressions, had this one when he was interrogate by the judges, Whether or not he thought there was a God? He answered "He knew no God but salt, meal, and water." When the stirs began, there was a whistling heard both within and without the

house. And Janet Campbell going one day to the well, to bring home some water, was convoyed with a shrill whistling about her ears, which made her say, "I would fain hear thee speak as well as whistle." Hereupon he said, after a threatening manner, "I'll cast thee, Janet, into the well.' The voice was most exactly like the damsel's voice, and did resemble it to the life. The gentlewoman that heard this, and was a witness, thought the voice was very near to her own ears, and said, "The whistling was such as children used to make with their small slender glass whistles."—— About the middle of November, the foul fiend came on with new and extraordinary assaults, by throwing of stones in at the doors and windows, and down the chimney-head, which were of great quantity, and thrown with force; yet by God's providence, there was not one person in the family that was hurt. This did necessitate Gilbert Campbell to reveal that to the minister of the parish, and to other neighbours and friends, which hitherto he had suffered secretly. Notwithstanding of this his trouble was enlarged; for not long after, he found oftentimes his warp and threads cut, as with a pair of scissars; and not only so, but their apparel were cut after the same manner, even while they were wearing them, their coats, bonnets, hose, shoes, but could not discern how, or by what means. Only it pleased God to preserve their persons, that the least harm was not done. Yet in the night-time, they had not liberty to sleep, something coming and pulling their bed-clothes, and linens off them, and leaving their bodies naked. Next, their chests and trunks were opened, and all things in them strawed here and there. Likewise the parts of their working instruments which had escaped, were carried away, and hid in holes and bores of the house, where hardly any could be found again. Nay, whatever peice of cloth or household

stuff was in any part of the house, it was carried away; and so cut and abused, that the good man was necessitate, in all haste and speed, to remove, and transport the rest to a neighbour's house, and he himself compelled to quit the exercise of his calling, whereby he only maintained his family. Yet he resolved to remain in his house for a season; during which time, some persons about, not very judicious, counselled him to send his children out of the family, here and there, to try whom the trouble did most follow, assuring him that his trouble was not against the whole family, but against some person or other in it, whom he too willingly obeyed. Yet, for the space of four or five days, there were no remarkable assaults as before. The minister hearing thereof, shewed him the evil of such a course; and assured him, that if he repented not, and called back his children, he might not expect that his trouble would end in a right way. The children that were nigh by, being brought home, no trouble followed, till one of his sons called Thomas, that was farest off, came home. Then did the devil begin afresh; for upon the Lord's day following, in the afternoon, the house was set on fire, but by the help of some neighbours going home from sermon, the fire was put out, and the house saved, not much loss being done.——Monday after being spent in private prayer and fasting, the house was again set on fire upon the Tuesday, about nine o'clock in the morning; yet, by the speedy help of the neighbours, it was saved, little skaith being done.—The weaver being thus vexed and wearied both day and night, went to the minister of the parish, an honest and godly man, desiring him to let his son Thomas abide with him for a time, who condescended, but withal assuring him, that he would find himself deceived; and so it came to pass, for notwithstanding that the lad was without the

family, yet were they that remained in it sore troubled, both in the day-time and night-season, so that they were forced to wake till midnight, and sometimes all the night over, during which time the persons within the family suffered many losses, as the cutting off their clothes, throwing of peats, the pulling down of turf and feal from the roof and walls of the hose, stealing of their clothes, and the pricking of their flesh and skin with pins.—Some ministers about having convened at the place for a solemn humiliation, persuaded Gilbert Campbell to call back his son Thomas, notwithstanding of whatever hazard might follow: The boy returning home, affirmed, that he heard a voice speak to him, forbidding him to enter within the house, or in any other place where his father's calling was exercised; yet he entered, but was sore abused, till he was forced to return to the minister's house again. Upon Monday the 12th of February, the rest of the family began to hear a voice speak to them, but could not well know from whence it came; yet from evening till midnight, too much vain discourse was kept up with Satan: and many idle and impertinent questions proposed, without that due fear of God that should have been upon their spirits under so rare and extraordinary a trial; they came at length in familiar discourse with the foul thief, that they were no more afraid to keep up the clash with him, than to speak to one another. In this they pleased him well, for he desired no better than to have sacrifices offered to him. The minister hearing of this, went to the house upon the Tuesday, being accompanied with some gentlemen, one James Bailie of Carphin, Alexander Bailie of Dunragged, Mr. Robert Hay, and a gentlewoman called Mrs. Douglas, whom the minister's wife did accompany. At their first coming in, the devil says "Qnam Literarum is good Latin;" these are the first

words of the Latin Rudiments, which scholars are taught when they go to the grammar-school; he cries again, "a dog." The minister thinking he had spoken it to him, said, he took it not ill to be reviled by Satan, since his master had trodden that path before him. Answered Satan, "It was not you, Sir, I spoke to, I meant the dog there;" for there was a dog standing behind backs. This passing, they all went to prayer; which being ended, they heard a voice speaking out of the ground from under the bed, in the proper country dialect, which he did counterfeit exactly, saying, "Would you know the witches of Glenluce? I will tell you them;" and so related four or five persons' names that went under a bad report; the weaver informed the company, that one of them was dead long ago. The devil answered and said, "It is true she is dead long ago, but her spirit is living with us in the world." The minister replied, saying, (though it was not convenient to speak to such an excomunicate and intercommuned person,) "The Lord rebuke thee, Satan, and put thee to silence; we are not to receive information from thee, whatsoever fame any person goes under; thou art seeking but to seduce this family, for Satan's kingdom is not divided against itself." After which all went to prayer again, which being ended, for during the time of prayer no noise or trouble was made, except once that a loud fearful yell was heard at a distance; the devil threatening and terrifying the lad Tom, who had come back that day with the minister, "That if he did not depart out of the house, he would set all on fire." Says the minister, "The Lord will preserve the house and the lad too, seeing he is one of the family, and had God's warrant to tarry in it." The fiend answered, "He shall not get liberty to tarry; he was once put out already, and shall not abide here, though I should pursue him to the end of the

world." The minister replied, "The Lord will stop thy malice against him." And then they all went to prayer again; which being ended, the devil said. "Give me a spade and a shovel, and depart from the house for seven days, and I will make a grave, and lie down in it, and shall trouble you no more." The goodman answered, "Not so much as a straw shall be given thee, through God's assistance, even though that would do it." The minister also added, "God shall remove thee in due time." The spirit answered, "I will not remove for you; I have my commission from Christ to tarry and vex this family." The minister answered." A permission thou hast indeed, but God will stop it in due time." The devil replied, "I have, Sir, a commission which perhaps will last longer than your own." The minister died in the year 1655, in December. The devil had told them, "That he had given his commission to Tom to keep." The company inquired at the lad, who said, "There was something put into his pocket, but it did not tarry."

After this, the minister and the gentlemen arose and went to the place whence the voice seemed to come, to try if they could see or find any thing. After diligent search, nothing being found, the gentlemen began to say, "We think this voice speaks out of the children, for some of them were in their beds." The spirit answered, "You lie, God shall judge you for your lying, and I and my father will come and fetch you to hell with warlock thieves;" and so the devil discharged the gentlemen to speak any thing, saying, "Let him speak that hath a commission, (meaning the minister) for he is the servant of God." The gentlemen returning back with the minister, sat down near the place where the voice seemed to come; and he opening his mouth, spake to them after this manner, "The Lord will

rebuke this spirit in his own time, and cast him out." The devil answering, said, "It is written in Mark, chap. ix. that the disciples could not cast him out." The minister replied, "What the disciples could not do, yet the Lord having heightened the parent's faith, for his own glory, did cast him out, and so shall he thee." The devil replied, "It is written in Luke, chap. iv. that he departed and left him for a season." The minister said, "The Lord in the days of his humiliation, not only got the victory over Satan in that assault in the wilderness, but when he came again, his success was no better: for it is written, John xiv. Behold, the prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me, and being now in glory, he will fulfill his promise,—and God shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly," Rom. xvi. The devil answered, "It is written, Math. xxv. There were ten virgins, five wise and five foolish, and when the bridegroom came, the foolish virgins had no oil in their lamps, and went to the wise to seek oil; and the wise said, go and buy for yourselves; and while they went the bridegroom came, and entered in, and the door was shut, and the foolish virgins were sent to hell's fire." The minister answered, "The Lord knows the sincerity of his servants, and though there be sin and folly in us here, yet there is a fountain opened to the house of David for sin and uncleanness; when he hath washen us from our sins for his name's sake, he will cast the unclean spirit out of the land." The devil answered and said, "Sir, you should have cited for that place of scripture Zech. xiii. and he began at the first verse, and repeated several verses, and concluded with these words: "In that day I will cause the prophet and unclean spirit pass out of the land;" but afterwards it is written, "I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered." The minister answered and said, "We know that our

blessed shepherd was smitten, and thereby hath bruised thy head. And albeit in the hour of his sufferings, his disciples forsook him, Matth. xxvi. Yet now having ascended on high, he sits in glory, and is preserving, gathering in, and turning his hand upon his little ones, and will save his poor ones in this family from thy malice." The minister returning back a little, and standing upon the floor, the devil said, " I knew not these scriptures till my father taught me them." Then the minister conjured him to tell whence he was. The foul fiend replied, " That he was an evil spirit come from the bottomless pit of hell to vex this house, and that Satan was his father." And presently there appeared a naked hand, and an arm from the elbow down, beating upon the floor till the house did shake again, and also he uttered a most fearful and loud cry, saying, " Come up, my father, come up; I will send my father among you; see there he is behind your backs." Then the minister said, " I saw indeed a hand, and an arm, when the stroke was given and heard." The devil said to him, " Saw you that? it was not my hand, it was my father's; my hand is more black in the loof." " O (said Gilbert Campbell) that I may see thee as well as I hear thee!" " Would you see me (says the foul thief) put out the candle, and I shall come butt the house mong you like fire-balls. I shall let you see me indeed." Alexander Bailie of Dunragged says to the minister, Let us go then, and see if there be any hand to be seen. The devil answered, " No, let him come then alone; he is a good honest man, his single word may be believed." About this time the devil abused Mr Robert Hay, a very honest gentlemen, very ill with his tongue, calling him witch and warlock. A little after, the devil cries (it seems out of purpose and in of purpose) " A witch, a witch, there is a witch sitting upon the ruist, take her

away;" he meant a hen sitting upon the balk of the house. These things being past, all went to prayer, during which time he was silent; prayer being ended, the devil answered and said, "If the goodman's son's prayers at the College of Glasgow did not prevail with God, my father and I had wrought a mischief here ere now." To which Alexander Bailie of Dunragged replied, "Well, well, I see you confess there is a God, and that prayer prevails with him; and therefore we must pray to God, and commit the event to him." To whom the devil replied, "Yea, Sir, you speak of prayer with your broad lipped hat, (for the gentleman had lately gotten a hat in the fashion with broad lips) I'll bring a pair of sheers from my father which will clip the lips of it a little." Whereupon he presently imagined that he heard and felt a pair of sheers going round about his hat, which caused him lift it to see if the foul thief had meddled with it.

During this time, several things, but of less moment, passed; as that he would have Tom a merchant, Rob a smith, John a minister, and Hugh a lawyer, all which in some measure came to pass. As to Janet the goodman's daughter, he cries to her, "Janet Campbell, Janet Campbell, wilt thou cast me thy belt?" Quoth she, "What a widdy wilt thou do with my belt?" "I would fain (says he) fasten my loose bones close together with it." A younger daughter sitting busking her poppies, as young girls use to do, being threatened by the fiend, that he would ding out her harns, that is brain her, She answered, without being concerned, "No, if God be to the fore;" and so fell to the work again. The goodwife of the house having brought out some bread, was breaking it to give every one of the company a piece. He cries, "Grisel Wyllie, Grisel Wyllie, give me a piece of that hard bread, (for so they

call their oat-cakes) I have gotten nothing this day, but a bit from Marrit;" that is, as they spake in that country, Margaret. The minister said, "Beware of that; for it is a sacrificing to the devil." The girl was called for, and asked, if she gave him any hard bread?" "No," says she; "but when I was eating my due-piece this morning, something came and clicked it out of my hand."

The evening being now far spent, it was thought fit, that every one should withdraw to his own home. Then did the devil cry out fearfully, "Let not the minister go home, I shall burn the house if he go;" and many other ways did he threaten. After the minister had gone forth, Gilbert Campbell was very instant with him to tarry, whereupon he returned, all the rest going home. When he came into the house, the devil gave a great gaff of laughter. "You have now, Sir, done my bidding." "Not thine, answered the other," but in obedience to God have I returned, to bear this man company, whom thou dost afflict." Then did the minister call upon God. And when the prayer was ended, he discharged the weaver, and all the persons of the family, to speak a word to the devil; and when he spake, that they should only kneel down and pray to God. The devil then roared out mightly, and cried out, "What, will ye not speak to me? I shall strike the bairns, and do all manner of mischief." But after that time no answer was made to him, and so for a long time no speech was heard. Several times he hath beat the children in their beds, and the claps of his loof upon their buttocks would have been heard, but without any trouble to them. While the minister and gentlemen were standing at the door, ready to go home, the minister's wife and the goodwife were within; then cried Satan, "Grisel, put out the candle." Says she to the minister's wife, "Shall I do it?" "No; (says the

other,) for then you shall obey the devil." Upon this he cries again with a louder shout, "Put out the candle." The candle still burns. The third time he cries, "Put out the candle;" and no obedience being given to him, he did so often reiterate these words, and magnify his voice, that it was astonishing to hear him, which made them stop their ears: they thinking the sound was just at their ears; at last the candle was put out. "Now, (says he) I'll trouble you know more this night." I must here insert what I heard from one of the ministers of the presbytery, who, with the rest, were appointed to meet at the weaver's house for prayer and other exercises of that kind. When the day came, five only met; but before they went in, they stood a while in the croft which lies round about the house, considering what to do. They resolved upon to things, First, There should be no words of conjuration used, as commanding him in the name of God to tell whence he was, or to depart from the family; for which they thought they had no call from God. Secondly, That when the devil spoke, none should answer him, but hold on in their worshiping of God, and the duties they were called to. When all of them had prayed by turns, and three of them had spoken a word or two from the Scripture, they prayed again, and then ended without any disturbance. When that brother who informed me had gone out, one Hugh Nisbet, one of the company, came running after him, desiring him to come back, for he had begun to whistle. "No, (says the other) I tarried as long as God called me; but go in again, I will not" After this the said Gilbert suffered much loss, and had many sad nights, not two nights in one week free, and thus it continued till April. From April to July he had some respite and ease; but after he was molested with new assaults; even their victuals were so abused,

that the family was in hazard of starving; and that which they ate gave them not the ordinary satisfaction they were wont to find.

In this sore and sad affliction, Gilbert Campbell resolved to make his address to the synod of Presbyters, for advice and counsel what to do, which was appointed to convene in Oct. 1655, namely, Whether to forsake the house or not? The Synod, by their committee, appointed to meet to Glenluce in Feb. 1656, thought fit that a solemn humiliation should be kept through all the bounds of the synod; and, amongst other causes, to request God in behalf of that afflicted family; which being done carefully, the event was, that his trouble grew less till April, and from April to August he was altogether free. About which time the devil began with new assaults: and taking the ready meat which was in the house, did sometimes hide it in holes by the door-posts, and at other times hid it under the beds, and sometimes among the bed-clothes, and under the lines, and at last did carry it quite away. till nothing was left there save bread and water.—This minds me of a small passage as a proof of what is said.—The goodwife one morning making pottage for the children's breakfast, had the tree-plate, wherein the meal lay, snatched from her quickly. "Well (says she) let me have my plate again." Whereupon it came flying at her, without any skaith done. It is like, if she had sought the meal too, she might have got it: Such is his civility when he entreated, a small homage will please him ere he want all. After this he exercised his malice and cruelty against all persons in the family, in wearying them in the night-time, by stirring and moving through the house; so that they had no rest for noise, which continued all the month of August after this manner. After which time the devil grew yet worse, by roaring and